



Educational Drama



✦ **Activities & Songs** ✦



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The curtain is going up on a new season!

We are pleased to announce our new 2012 productions:

"ALADDIN and the Wonderful Lamp"

and

"KING ARTHUR and the Quest for the Grail"



We would like to present these two well-known stories as we believe that students must always be exposed to "the classics" which are essential for their general knowledge and cultural background. As educators we have the responsibility of showing new generations the great value these stories have.



The Company's version:

We bring you this well remembered and magical story of the King Arthur legends, which has been a delight for several generations of readers, theatre goers and film spectators.

The play is a free version based on the quest for the Grail which is considered the most important King Arthur story.

We hope you and your students will join King Arthur in the quest!





⇒ TEACHER'S GUIDE

⇒ KING ARTHUR – LEGEND OR HISTORY?

One of the questions that has occupied those interested in King Arthur is whether or not he is indeed a historical figure. The debate has raged since the Renaissance when Arthur's historicity was vigorously defended, partly because the Tudor monarchs traced their lineage to Arthur and used that connection as a justification for their reign. Modern theory has generally assumed that there was some actual person at the heart of the legends, though not of course with a band of knights in shining armor. O.J. Padel in "The Nature of Arthur" argues that "historical attributes of just the kind that we find attached to Arthur can be associated with a figure who was not historical to start with." If there is a historical basis to the character it is clear that he would have gained fame as a warrior battling the Germanic invaders of the late fifth and early sixth centuries. Since there is no conclusive evidence for or against Arthur's authenticity, the debate will continue...

⇒ KING ARTHUR – THE LEGEND

Arthur was the first born son of King Uther Pendragon and heir to the throne. However these were very troubled times and Merlin, a wise magician, advised that the baby Arthur should be raised in a secret place and that none should know his true identity. As Merlin feared, when King Uther died there was great conflict over who should be the next king. Merlin used his magic to set a sword in a stone. Written on the sword, in letters of gold, were these words: "Whoso pulleth out this sword of this stone is the rightwise born king of all England." Of course all the contenders for the throne took their turn at trying to draw the sword, but none could succeed. Arthur, quite by chance, withdrew the sword for another to use in a tournament. Following this he became King. He gathered Knights around him and fought against the Saxons who were slowly but surely taking the country over. After many great battles and a huge victory at Mount Badon the Saxons' advance was halted. Arthur's base was at a place called Camelot. Here he built a strong castle. His knights met at the Round Table. They carried out acts of chivalry such as rescuing damsels in distress and fought against strange beasts. They also searched for a lost treasure, this was the 'Quest for the Grail'.



➤ PLOT

Back in the Middle Ages King Arthur rules over Britain. In spite of his young age he has bravely led his soldiers to victory in a countless number of battles proving himself to be a great leader and warrior. But these victories made him vain. He now feels he is superior and has the right to mistreat his Knights and even his beloved wife, Guinevere. Tired of her selfish bad-tempered husband, she asks to the King's counsellor, Merlin, who is a very wise person for help. Merlin then decides that it is time to put Arthur to the test by challenging him to find the Grail which is hidden somewhere in the British Isles. This ancient cup is said to bring abundance and eternal life to its holder. Blinded by his vanity, King Arthur accepts the challenge immediately. But Arthur's sister, Morgaine, who has been looking for the Grail herself for a long time, tries to stop him. Along the quest for the Grail, Morgaine and Arthur will find themselves engaged in an incredible adventure full of mysteries and will discover true human values such as loyalty, honesty, courage and respect. These values will later be essential for the Code of the Knights of the Round Table.



➤ TEACHER'S GUIDE

➔ LEVEL 1

Level 1, Activity 1

Before doing activity 1 show the poster of the play.

Questions: Who do you think they are?

Tell your students that the stories of King Arthur took place in Great Britain and are more than a thousand years old. The Quest for the Grail is the most famous of the stories. Explain that a quest is a long search for something and the Grail is a magic cup.

Questions: What do you know about King Arthur? Have you ever heard of the Knights of the Round Table? What do you think the story is about? Do you think that honesty, respect, loyalty and courage are important? Why?

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.

Answer key:

1. Great Britain
2. battles
3. badly
4. person
5. look for
6. magic
7. adventure
8. honesty

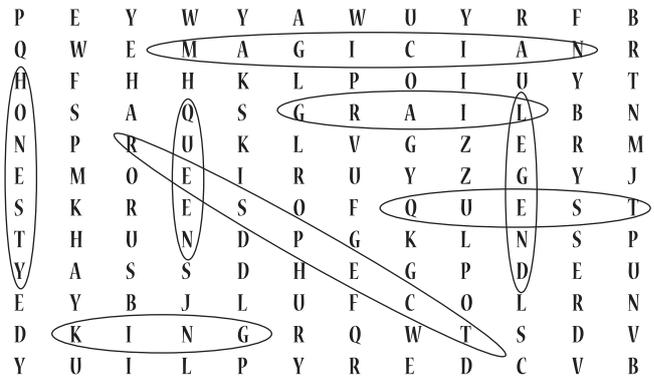
Level 1, Activity 2

Read the information about the characters, and write the corresponding number.

Answer key:

- A - 2
- B - 4
- C - 3
- D - 1

Level 1, Activity 3: Word Search



Level 1, Activity 4: Listening. Fill in the blanks.

Song: "Legend or history?" CD track: 8.

Answer key:

1. Table
2. magic
3. adventure
4. stone
5. castle
6. honesty
7. history
8. theatre

Level 1, Activity 5: Listening. Fill in the blanks:

Verbs.

Listen to a passage of the play and fill in the blanks. CD track: 13.

Answer key:

1. find
2. heard
3. talked
4. want
5. tie



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➔ LEVEL 2

Level 2, Activity 1

Before doing activity 1 show the poster of the play.

Questions: Who do you think they are? What do you think the story is about?

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Questions: What do you know about King Arthur? Have you ever heard of the Knights of the Round Table?

Do you think that honesty, respect, loyalty and courage are important? Why?

Fill in the blanks.

Answer key:

1. young
2. victory
3. number
4. warrior
5. wife
6. husband
7. hidden
8. eternal
9. accepts
10. looking for
11. stop
12. themselves
13. courage
14. Round

Level 2, Activity 2: Characters

Answer the questions

Answer key:

1. A magician, King Arthur's counsellor.
2. By pulling the sword Excalibur from a stone.
3. Because Arthur mistreats her and pays little attention to her.
4. King Arthur and Morgaine Le Fay
5. Because she finds out Arthur wants the Grail too.
6. As an excellent warrior and a great leader.
7. A sword.

Level 2, Activity 3: Secret Message.

Answer key: Be brave and honest

Level 2, Activity 4: Describe the picture.

Level 2, Activity 5: Listening

Song: "The real Grail Quest" CD track: 12.

Answer key:

1. King
2. sister
3. bring
4. Honesty
5. magic
6. get
7. write
8. deep

Verbs:

- bring
get
write

Adjectives:

- magic
deep

Nouns:

- king
sister
honesty



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Level 1 – Activity 1

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE WORDS IN THE BOX

King Arthur and the Quest* for the Grail*

badly	look for	adventure	honesty	magic
	person	battles	Great Britain	

A long time ago Arthur was the King of (1)_____. He was very brave and won many (2)_____. But after so many victories he becomes selfish. He feels superior and treats his soldiers and his wife Guinevere (3)_____. Tired of her selfish, bad-tempered husband, Guinevere asks for help to the King's counsellor Merlin, who is a magician and a very good (4)_____. Merlin then decides that it is time to put Arthur to the test. He tells Arthur to (5)_____ the Grail which is hidden somewhere in the British Isles. This (6)_____ and powerful cup brings abundance and eternal life. King Arthur accepts immediately. But his sister, Morgaine, who has been looking for the Grail for a long time herself, tries to stop him. Along the quest for the Grail, Morgaine and Arthur will live an incredible (7)_____ full of mysteries and will discover true human values such as loyalty, (8)_____, courage and respect.

*Quest: a long search for something

*Grail: a magic cup



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Level 1 – Activity 2

READ THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTERS
AND WRITE THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER.

A. Merlin is a magician, he has a long beard and wears a big hat.

B. Morgaine Le Fay is Arthur's sister, she has long hair and is holding something magical in her hand.

C. Guinevere is Arthur's wife, she is sitting on her throne and is wearing a crown.

D. Arthur is the King of Great Britain, he has his precious sword and his crown.



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3



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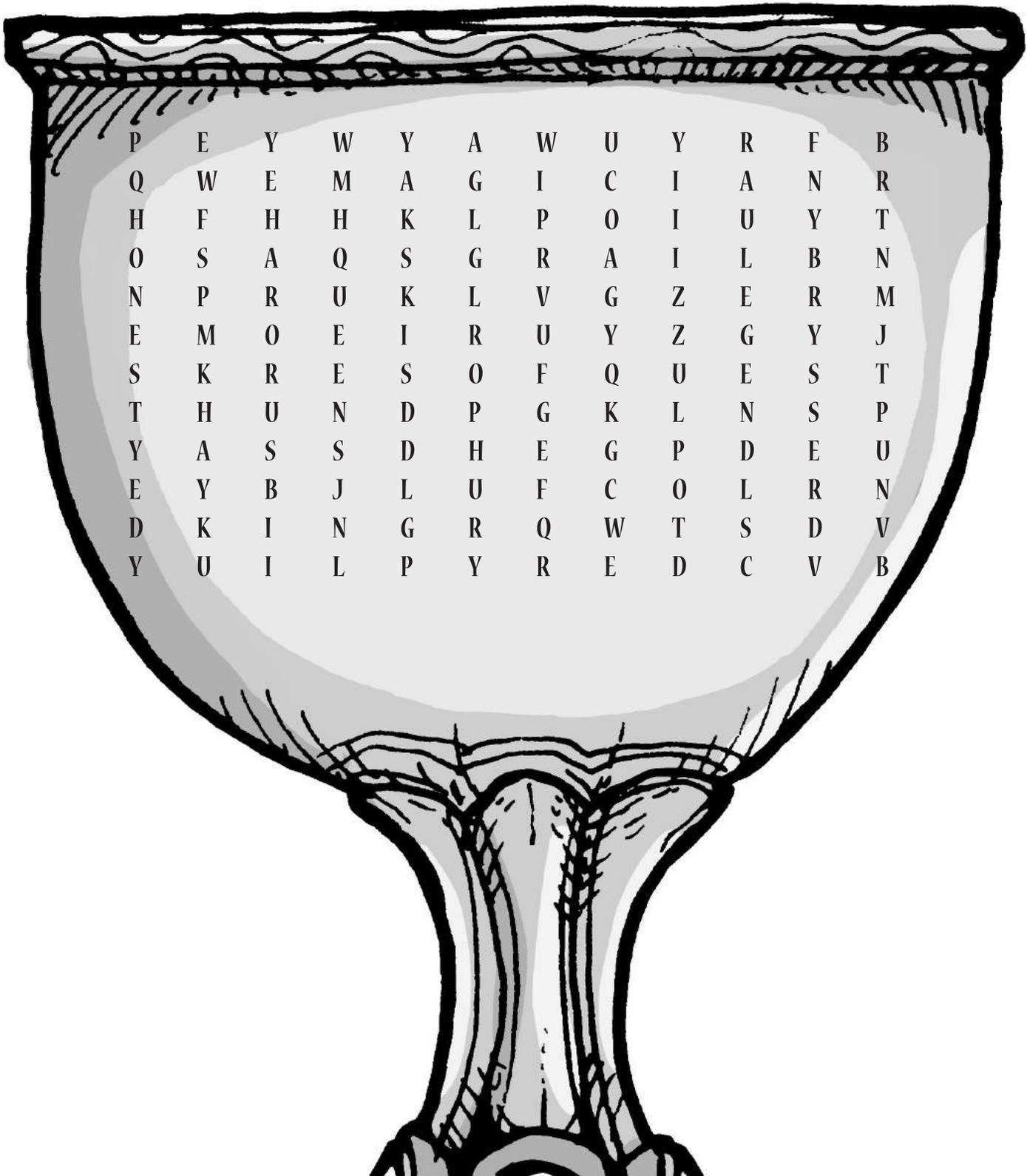


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Level 1 - Activity 3

WORD SEARCH

GRAIL	LEGEND	RESPECT	HONESTY	QUEST
	MAGICIAN	KING	QUEEN	



P	E	Y	W	Y	A	W	U	Y	R	F	B
Q	W	E	M	A	G	I	C	I	A	N	R
H	F	H	H	K	L	P	O	I	U	Y	T
O	S	A	Q	S	G	R	A	I	L	B	N
N	P	R	U	K	L	V	G	Z	E	R	M
E	M	O	E	I	R	U	Y	Z	G	Y	J
S	K	R	E	S	O	F	Q	U	E	S	T
T	H	U	N	D	P	G	K	L	N	S	P
Y	A	S	S	D	H	E	G	P	D	E	U
E	Y	B	J	L	U	F	C	O	L	R	N
D	K	I	N	G	R	Q	W	T	S	D	V
Y	U	I	L	P	Y	R	E	D	C	V	B



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**Level 1 – Activity 4
Listening**

FILL IN THE BLANKS

LEGEND OR HISTORY?

Is it a legend or history?
King Arthur, the Knights,
The Round (1) _____ and Merlin...

Back in the dark Middle Ages
Chivalry, (2) _____, romance and the Grail Quest
Whether it's true or simply a myth
There is (3) _____, wisdom and mystery.

A sword in a (4) _____,
The famous Excalibur;
Arthur's sister, Morgaine,
Guinevere, the Queen,
The legendary (5) _____, Camelot
The chivalry codes:
Loyalty, (6) _____, courage, respect...

All this makes part of the story
Whether a legend or (7) _____
Now let the magic of (8) _____
Bring us... King Arthur, Morgaine,
Guinevere and Merlin!



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Level 1 – Activity 5
Listening

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE MISSING VERBS

- 1) Which verbs do you think are missing? Try to guess.
- 2) Listen to the dialogue between King Arthur and Morgaine Le Fay.

ARTHUR: Morgaine Le Fay.

MORGAINÉ: King Arthur.

ARTHUR: How did you (1) _____ me?

MORGAINÉ: I followed you from the first moment. I (2) _____ you talking with the old lady and I (3) _____ to her too. Nice lady.

ARTHUR: So... you want the magic Grail.

MORGAINÉ: Same as you do. But I think there is room for only one of us.

ARTHUR: I'm sorry but you'll have to (4) _____ out of my way.

MORGAINÉ: Or else...?

ARTHUR: Or else I will (5) _____ you to a tree.

MORGAINÉ: You just try.

Now, why don't you read the dialogue aloud with a partner?

To make it funnier, how about changing your voice?



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Level 2 – Activity 1

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE WORDS IN THE BOX

courage	stop	wife	Round	warrior	eternal
accepts	looking for	young	victory		
themselves	number	husband	hidden		

KING ARTHUR AND THE QUEST* FOR THE GRAIL*

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Tired of her selfish, bad-tempered (6) _____, Guinevere asks the King’s counsellor Merlin, who is a very wise person, for help. Merlin then decides that it is time to put Arthur to the test by challenging him to find the Grail which is (7) _____ somewhere in the British Isles. This ancient cup is said to bring abundance and (8) _____ life to its holder. Blinded by his vanity King Arthur (9) _____ the challenge immediately. But Arthur’s sister, Morgaine, who has been (10) _____ the Grail herself for a long time, tries to (11) _____ him. Along the quest for the Grail, Morgaine and Arthur will find (12) _____ engaged in an incredible adventure full of mysteries and will discover true human values such as loyalty, honesty, (13) _____ and respect. These values will later be essential for the Code of the Knights of the (14) _____ Table.

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Level 2 – Activity 2

THESE ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERS OF THE PLAY.
READ ABOUT THEM AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.



Morgaine Le Fay is Arthur's sister. She is a sorceress and a healer. She is skillful with the sword. Morgaine is looking for the Grail because she wants to be more powerful. When she finds out that her brother wants it too, she gets angry because they are old rivals and she will do anything to stop him.

King Arthur rules over Great Britain after pulling out the sword Excalibur from a stone. He is an excellent warrior and a great leader. He is married to Queen Guinevere. He has a sister who is a sorceress. He takes part in the Quest for the Grail because his counsellor Merlin challenges him to look for it.



Merlin is King Arthur's counsellor. He is an old magician who wisely advises Arthur to make decisions about himself or the Kingdom. Merlin placed a sword in a stone, saying that whoever drew it out would be king. Arthur did so and Merlin had him crowned.

Guinevere is Arthur's wife, and therefore, the Queen. She loves him but feels sad because he mistreats her and pays little attention to her. She is the one who asks for Merlin's advice. Guinevere is a beautiful, charming woman who supports her husband unconditionally.



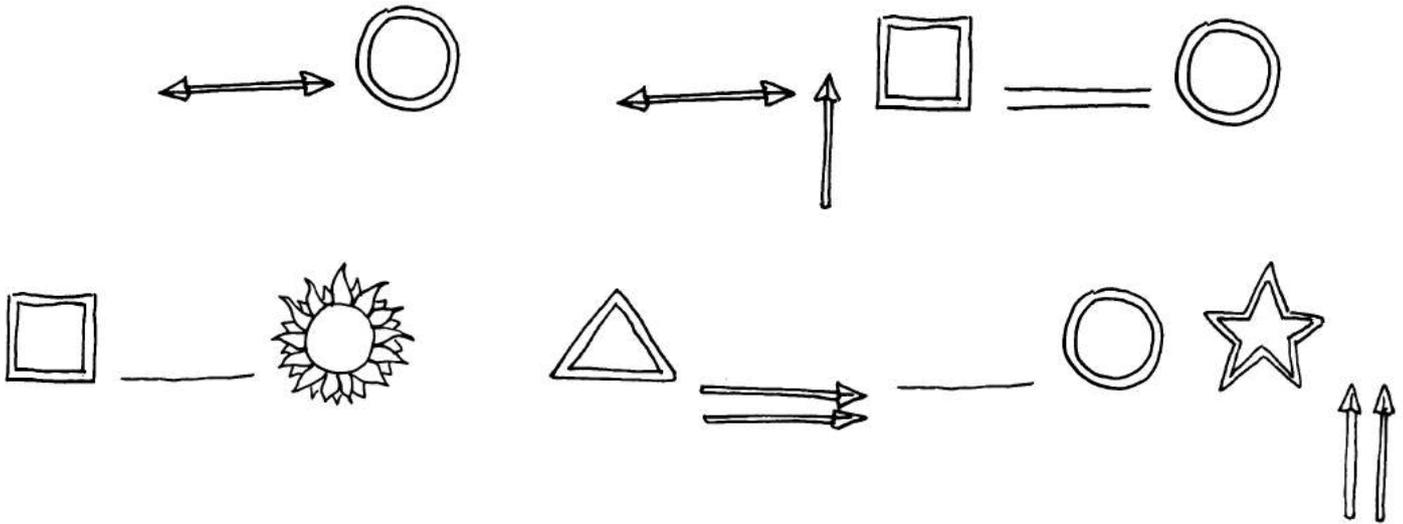
1. Who is Merlin?
2. How did Arthur become King of Great Britain?
3. Why does the Queen feel sad?
4. Who is looking for the Grail?
5. Why does Morgaine get angry?
6. How would you describe King Arthur?
7. What is Excalibur?
8. If you could be one of these characters, which one would you be? Why?



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Level 2 - Activity 3

A SECRET MESSAGE FROM THE GRAIL



Follow the directions

Write the letter **E** inside each circle. 

Write the letter **N** on the line. 

Write the letter **O** on the double arrows. 

Write the letter **H** inside the triangle. 

Write the letter **R** above the arrow. 

Write the letter **A** inside each square. 

Write the letter **D** inside the sun. 

Write the letter **B** on the arrow. 

Write the letter **V** on the double lines. 

Write the letter **T** above the arrow. 

Write the letter **S** inside the star. 

Now write the entire message here



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Level 2 - Activity 4

PICTURE DESCRIPTION

This picture shows an important moment in the story connected to the Quest for the Grail. Write a paragraph saying what you think is happening and why. Then describe what is going to happen next.





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**Level 2 – Activity 5
Listening**

Fill in the blanks with verbs, adjectives and nouns.

THE REAL GRAIL QUEST

I am Arthur, the (1) _____ of Great Britain

I am Guinevere, his wife and the queen

I am Merlin, his loyal magician

And I am his _____, Morgaine.

The magic of theatre has helped us

To (3) _____ you this story today

We learned about Loyalty, Courage,

(4) _____, Truth and Respect.

The (5) _____ Grail is not material

You have to search inside yourself

For truth is the greatest of virtues

Don't let anything (6) _____ in its way.

No tongue could tell

And no pen could (7) _____

The magic secrets of the Grail...

Each one of us

Should look (8) _____ inside

To find the best

And that's the real

The real Grail Quest!

Now write them in the correct column

Verbs

Adjectives

Nouns



⇒ SONGS

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⇒ A NEW PURPOSE IN LIFE ⇐

Yes, I'm the king of Great Britain
I am the "king who makes knights"
I lead my armies to victory
My kingdom's at peace, no more fights.

Now I am settled at Camelot
Guinevere is my beautiful wife
Merlin, my loyal magician
And round the table, my knights.

But there is something I can't stand
I've lost my credentials of "star"
What is a warrior without wars?
Of course, he's no longer the star!

I was feeling bored and so useless
Now I've a new purpose in life
Something that gives me excitement
And makes me again feel alive!

Arthur, the king of Great Britain
Arthur, the king who makes knights
Britain's at peace thanks to me now
And I will again be the star!

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⇒ SONGS

⇒ MORGAINE LE FAY ⇐

Well, well, courageous King Arthur...
Who do you think you are?!
Calling me old and fragile,
Wrinkled and all that jazz!

Well, let me show you who Morgaine is
I'm not Morgaine Le Fay in vain
and I don't need a fountain of youth...
I only want the magic Grail!

Older are you, my king brother
And wrinkled is your king's skin
But I must admit you can move fast...
If you can ride on your horse at last!

Let me show you who Morgaine is
I'm not Morgaine Le Fay in vain
And I don't need a fountain of youth...
I only want the magic Grail!

So, listen to me now,
Don't you stand in my way
I will show you who I am
I am Morgaine Le Fay!

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⇒ THE CONQUEST ⇐

We made it, we made it!
Together we did.
We overcame fear
And followed the quest.

No dragon could beat us.
We learnt to be brave
And looking for truth
We conquered the Grail

We made it, we made it!
Together we did.
We overcame fear
And followed the quest.

Fear is an illusion
Courage is the shield
Honesty is essential
So better you'll be.
And here's the conclusion
At which we arrived:
Hold truth as a torch
And light will come into your life!

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The real Grail Quest!

