

# **Sir Gawain and the Green Knight**

## **Study Questions**

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### **Part 1 – The Arrival of the Green Knight and his Challenge**

1. Why does the Green Knight arrive unarmored and bearing a bough of holly?

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2. What is the reason given by the Green Knight for his visit to Camelot?

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3. What does Arthur initially think the Green Knight wants in Camelot?

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4. What is the Green Knight's reaction to this (especially regarding the knights in attendance)?

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5. The Green Knight wants to play a game; what are the rules?

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6. What is the initial reaction from the knights and what does the Green Knight say about it?

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7. Who accepts the challenge and why must he do it?

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8. What reasons does Sir Gawain give for offering himself to the challenge?

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9. Sir Gawain follows through with his end of the challenge. What is the result?

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**Part 2 – Sir Gawain’s stay with the lord and his lady**

10. What rules must Gawain abide by in the Lord’s Castle?

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11. On the third try at giving Gawain gifts, what does the lady offer him and what is his response?

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12. What does she offer him next and why is it special?

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13. Why does Gawain accept the gift and what does it say about him?

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**Part 3 – Sir Gawain and the Green Knight**

14. What happens on the Green Knight’s first swing?

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15. On the second?

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16. And the third?

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17. The Green Knight gives the reasons why he did what he did on each strike. What are these?

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18. What is it that Gawain does that redeems him to the Green Knight?

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