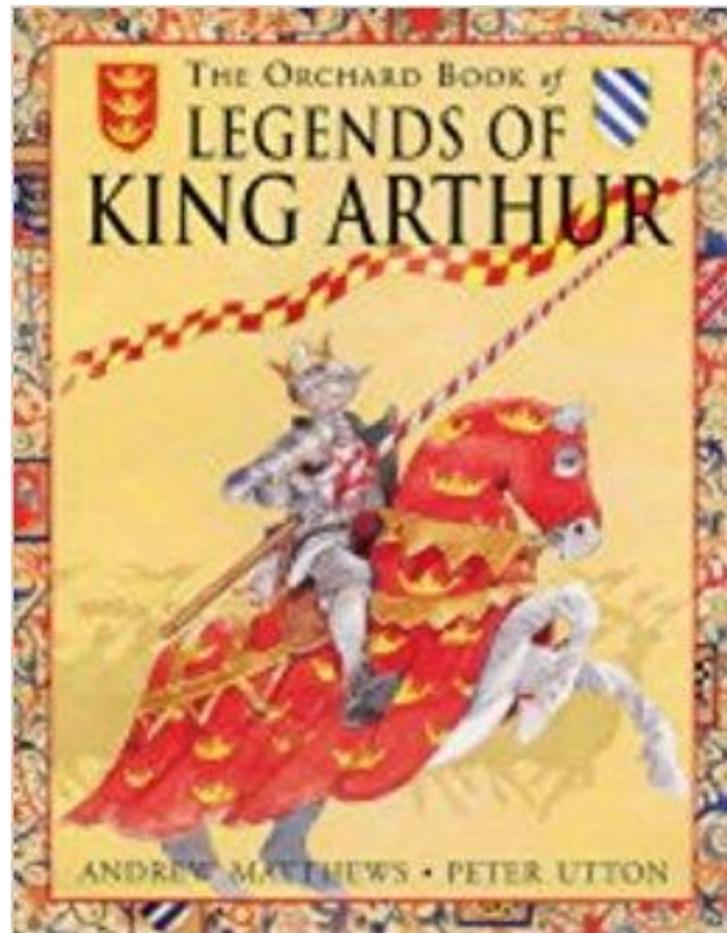


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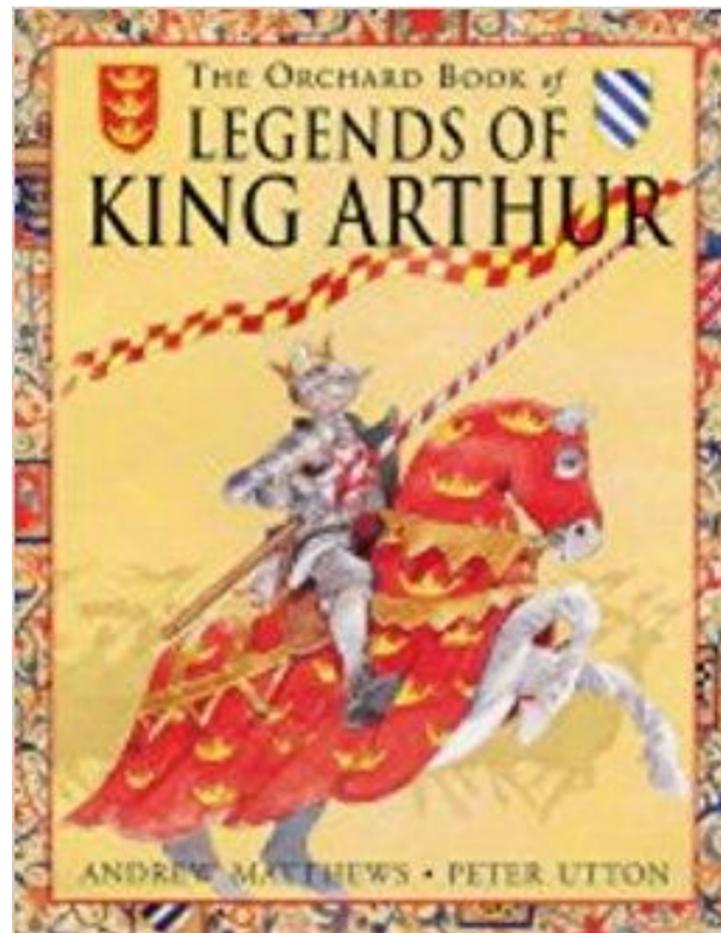


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Geographical Focus	
Dover	A small town on the south eastern coast of England.
Calais	A small town on the northern coast of France
There has been long standing relationship between England and France. Dover and Calais are important towns because they provide easy access into each country.	

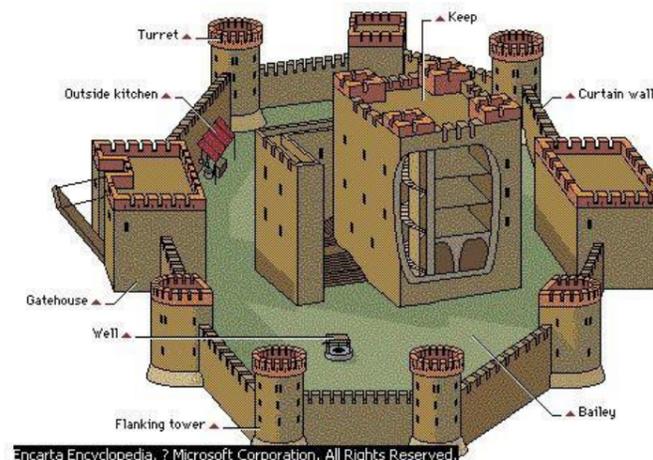


Legends and King Arthur	
Legend	A popular traditional tale that is thought to be based on history but hasn't been proven to be true.
King Arthur	A legendary king which a lot of books, films and songs have been based on. He is possibly based on a Welsh leader who fought against the Anglo-Saxons during the 5 <sup>th</sup> century.
Round table	In the legend, Arthur's knights would sit around a round table so they would all seen as equal.
Excalibur	The legendary sword King Arthur pulled out from the stone.
Dragons	Dragons are a symbol of power within legends.
Camelot	A great castle and court associated with King Arthur.

Medieval Period	
Time period	5 <sup>th</sup> century to 15 <sup>th</sup> century after the fall of the Roman Empire
Medieval castles	Castles are large, strong buildings built to protect rulers. Medieval castles usually had thick walls, tower and a moat. They were mainly built from stone.
Knights	A knight is a man who served his king or lords. He was a soldier who wore armour to protect his master.
Squires	A young man who attended to a knight before becoming a knight himself.
Armour	A suit made from metal to protect the body during battle.
Tournament	A competition where knights would fight for honour or entertainment.
Jousting	A sport where 2 knights on horseback would fight with lances. Knights would joust for entertainment, sport, honour and reputation.
Weapons	Swords were used from the beginning of the Medieval period by knights and soldiers. Gunpowder was later invented. This changed war a lot because it allowed lots of people to be killed at once.
Monastery	The main religion during the Medieval period was Christianity. There lots of monasteries across the country which are buildings where monks live.
Clothing	Clothing would say a lot about someone's status. Important people would wear fine and colourful clothing. However, royals were the only ones who were allowed to wear purple and gold cloth. Examples of Medieval clothing include tunics and gowns.
Feasting	Big feasts during the Medieval period were known as banquets. At these banquets people would eat food such as venison, wild boar, pheasant and fish.

Magicians and Witchcraft	
Magicians and enchanters were prominent during the Medieval period. They were known for healing people and casting spells.	
Merlin	Legendary wizard in the legend of King Arthur
Witchcraft	Witches were seen as evil and If caught were punished by death.

Nobility	
Types of nobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kings</li> <li>• Queens</li> <li>• Knights</li> <li>• Dukes</li> <li>• Earls</li> <li>• Lady</li> </ul>
Birth right	What a person is entitled by birth e.g. A king's baby would be entitled to becoming the next King or Queen.
Hierarchy	A system of people being ranked according to their wealth and power.
Loyalty	Giving strong support e.g. servants being loyal to their masters
Honour	Giving great respect to something or someone. The term dying for honour means willing to die for a purpose.
Treason	Betraying your own country
Traitor	Someone who betrays someone or something
Trial and execution	If people had thought to have been committing a crime then they would be put on trial and if found guilty, executed. Crimes you could be executed for include witchcraft, betrayal and murder.



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Layout of a Medieval Castle	
Castles during the Medieval period were made from wood then stone. They were heated by fire places and lit by candles.	
Keep	Tower at the centre of the castle which was the strongest and securest part.
Curtain Wall	The defensive wall built around the whole of the castle.
Moat	Deep wide ditch surrounding the castle filled with water.
Gatehouse	The only bridge leading into the castle
Bailey	The area around the keep inside of the curtain wall where the other buildings were.
Great Hall	The main hall of the castle

### History Quiz

Which century did the Medieval period start in?

Who was the famous magician during the Medieval period?

How were Medieval castles heated?

What is special name for a hall inside a Medieval castle?

Who took the throne when a King died?

What was armour made out of?

What were 2 jobs that a knight had?

What does a dragon on a flag and armour represent?

Why were tournaments held?

Who was allowed to wear gold and purple cloth?

Tick all the items of Medieval clothing

What were medieval swords made from?

Who owned swords during the Medieval period?

What does dying for honour mean?

Name 1 thing magicians did?

Why was the location of Dover important?

King Arthur had a round table because \_\_\_\_\_

Give an example of food eaten at Medieval banquets.

How was someone punished if they were found to be a witch

Give on reason why knights jousted?

What would a traitor do to a King?

What effect did gunpowder have on war?

Where do monks live?

Give an example of a crime you could be executed for.

Arthur is a normal boy who pulls Excalibur from a stone and becomes King of England. He and his knights of the round table try to reunite England and defend it from the King of France.

**Features**

Hook	Colourful illustrations and a tale being told about Merlin.
Closure	Arthur is injured in war and dies.
Setting	Medieval England
Problem/Dilemma	Disagreement of who is to be king, invasion of land, witchcraft
Characters	King Arthur, Merlin, Lancelot, Morgana, Kay, Guinevere

**Story Type**

Genre	Legend
Theme	Magic, honour, loyalty, hierarchy, equality
Plot Type	Quest

**Narrative**

Narrative Viewpoint	Third person – mainly from the viewpoint of Arthur
Narrative Conflict	Man Vs. Man
Viewpoint of the author	Omniscient narration
Mood	Hopeful, joyous, optimistic
Tone	Suspicious, gloomy but at times cheerful

**Language and Structure**

Structure and Grammar	Episodic chapters, speech, conjunctions, synonyms for said, reoccurring use of 'but',
Types of Sentences	Mostly compound sentences
Punctuation	“ “ ! ,
Rhetoric	

**Quiz**

What is the main setting of the book?	England
Who are the main characters?	Arthur, Lancelot, Merlin, Guinevere
What genre is the book?	Legend
What are the main themes of the book?	Magic, honour, loyalty, hierarchy, equality
What plot type is the book?	Quest
What narrative conflict does the book follow?	Man vs. Man
What is the mood of the book?	Hopeful, joyous, optimistic
What is the narrative viewpoint that the story is told in?	Third person
Who is the story possibly based on?	A welsh ruler