

## Honors English III

### Summer Reading Book and Assignment

**Book:** *The Once and Future King* by T. H. White

**Mrs. Boland**

For your summer reading assignment, you will read the novel, *The Once and Future King* by T. H. White. This is White's take on the life of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. You will see the novel is divided into four parts, each a phase in the life of King Arthur. After you read the novel, please answer the following questions. These are to be typed in Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced. Please type the questions, and then type in the answer. Next you will write a short essay on this topic: How is the title *The Once and Future King* consistent with both the Arthurian legend, and the tone of the end of the book. This short essay should not exceed one type-written page double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font. When you have completed all work, please put your work in a regular report folder with your name on the outside. You will turn this folder in the first day of class.

Here are the questions to be answered:

1. While he is a perch, what does Wart learn from Mr. P about power?
2. What advice does Merlyn give Wart about being sad?
3. How does Arthur become king?
4. What frustrates Wart about the language of the ants?
5. Describe how Uther Pendragon came to marry Igraine.
6. What is the motto of chivalry according to Merlyn?
7. What are Merlyn's beliefs about war?
8. Why does Lancelot say he has an ugly face, and what would he call himself?
9. What is Arthur's reaction to the affair between Lancelot and Guenevere?
10. What are Arthur's thoughts about "Might"?
11. Why is Mordred determined to destroy Arthur?
12. After Arthur tells Lancelot and Guenevere the truth about Mordred, what does he ask of them? What command does he give Lancelot?

13. Even though the marriage of Arthur and Guenevere is “made,” why is it successful?

What one element is missing for Guenevere in her relationship with Arthur?

14. What happens to these characters by the end of the book?

- a. Arthur
- b. Guenevere
- c. Mordred
- d. Lancelot

*Have a great summer. I will be glad to see you all in August.*