

Knowledge Organiser Arthur – High king of Britain by Michael Morpurgo

Can discuss a book that has been read, taking turns and listening to what others have to say. Can ask questions to improve understanding of the text.

Can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify these inferences with evidence from the text. Can identify a main idea from an extract of text.

Be able to justify their views drawing evidence from the text and explain their understanding through presentation and debate.

Star vocabulary

Shrimping: fishing for shrimps.

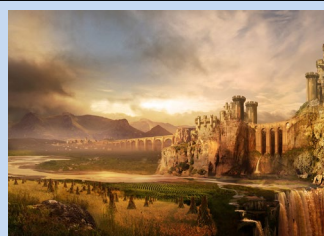
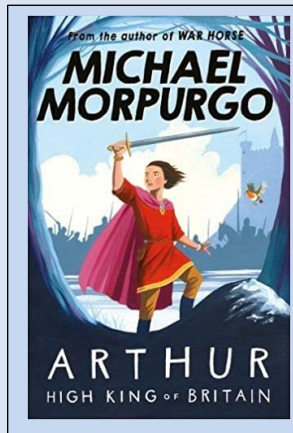
Channel: a length of water wider, joining two larger areas of water, especially two seas.

Sandbar: a long, narrow sandbank

Bracken: a large flowerless plant

Excalibur: the legendary sword of King Arthur

Reluctant: unwilling to do something.



A picture of Camelot:

Camelot was a mythical castled city, said to be located in Great Britain, where King Arthur held court.

Context

As the sea sweeps in, the boy is suddenly cut off in his attempt to walk round the Scilly Isles. Having given up hope of survival, he finds himself waking up beside a warm fire with the man, Arthur Pendragon, and his dog, Bercelet, who have rescued him.

Genre

Fiction (Legend story)

Key characters

Arthur Pendragon: The main character in the story (high king of Britain)

Bercelet: Arthur's dog.

Kay: Foster brother to Arthur, Sir Ector's son

Sir Ector: A man who looks after Arthur when he is young.

Guinevere: Wife to King Arthur, famous for her affair with Lancelot

Merlin: Wizard, guide to King Arthur

Nemue: Lady of the lake

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Graduated from university and became a primary school teacher

Has written over 120 books

Some of his favourite authors include: Robert Louis Stevenson, Ted Hughes and Rudyard Kipling

His favourite animals are elephants.