



THE FIVE KINGS



King Arthur and Queen Guinevere were very happy together. The people loved their beautiful queen.

Not long after their marriage, there was another invasion of Britain. The King of Ireland, the King of Denmark, and three other kings joined together. They wanted to conquer Britain with their strong armies.

'We must fight these five kings,' said King Arthur. 'We must protect Britain.'

The knights of the Round Table were ready to fight against the enemy.

Before leaving Camelot, Arthur said to Guinevere, 'Dear Guinevere, I don't want to leave you alone. Please come

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KING ARTHUR
and his KNIGHTS



with me. I promise to protect you. Your lovely presence gives me happiness and courage.'

Guinevere smiled and said, 'Arthur, I am happy to follow you.'

Queen Guinevere rode next to King Arthur. King Arthur's army followed. After travelling for many days they did not meet the five kings.

Suddenly one night, the five kings attacked King Arthur's camp. They almost¹ destroyed the camp. The noise of the battle woke up King Arthur. He, Guinevere, and the other knights rode away quickly. They crossed the River Humber and went to the forest. Then they heard horses across the river. In the moonlight, they saw the five kings. The kings were riding towards them, and they were alone.

One knight said, 'Let's attack them by surprise! They're alone! They can't see us, but we can see them!'

King Arthur and his knights killed the five kings.

The enemy armies were confused without their leaders. They all left Britain. King Arthur and his knights were again victorious. They saved Britain from a dangerous invasion.



1. almost : nearly, practically.

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UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

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1 Look at the statements below about Chapter Six. Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect.

If it is correct, tick (✓) A.

If it is not correct, tick (✓) B.

	A	B
1. The people of Camelot loved Queen Guinevere.	☐	☐
2. Soon after King Arthur's marriage, five kings wanted to conquer Britain.	☐	☐
3. The five kings came from Ireland.	☐	☐
4. The knights of the Round Table did not want to fight against the five kings.	☐	☐
5. When King Arthur went to fight against the enemy, Guinevere stayed in Camelot.	☐	☐
6. King Arthur went to fight against the five kings alone.	☐	☐
7. One night the five kings attacked King Arthur's camp.	☐	☐
8. King Arthur and his army attacked the five kings by surprise and killed them.	☐	☐
9. The enemy armies stayed in Britain.	☐	☐

2 Word puzzle

Read the definitions and write the words.

a. very pretty, lovely:	B _ _ _ _ F _ _
b. male ruler of a country:	_ _ _ _ G _
c. opposite of weak:	S _ _ _ _ G _
d. take care of:	P _ _ _ _ C _
e. there are many trees here:	_ O _ _ S _
f. wife of a king:	_ U _ _ _
g. not safe:	D _ _ G _ _ _ S

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