

## 1: King Arthur - The Middle Ages - Facts for Kids

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Re-enactment During the years - AD the Britons appear to have held back the Saxon advance. However, in the following years they were forced back into Cornwall and Wales. Maybe it is for this reason that Arthur is not mentioned in early English chronicles while his name occurs in Welsh ones. Surprisingly he refers to Arthur as a warrior - not a king. Arthur is mentioned in early Welsh literature, however the surviving manuscripts which refer to him date from after the legend was firmly established. These documents, though interesting, do not help us understand the roots of the legend. It was the work of Geoffrey of Monmouth , another Welsh cleric, which really set down the foundations of the Arthurian legends. Other subsequent writers have expanded his themes and added new strands to the story. He claimed to have based the work on an ancient Celtic document in his possession. Within fifty years of its completion it had fired the imagination of writers of fiction across Europe. Many of these added new strands to the story which subsequently became essential elements: Chretien de Troyes, also French, wrote five Arthurian stories between the years and He developed the theme of chivalry and dwelt on the subtleties of courtly romance. Back in England at about the same time, around AD the priest Layamon wrote the story in English - the first time it had appeared in this language. In his version Arthur did not die from his wounds, he remained on the Isle of Avalon - to return some time in the future. Written by Sir Thomas Malory, this was a collection of eight stories which brilliantly drew together the whole saga and gave us the account we know today. It is interesting that writers placed Arthur in their own times. In fact the way the whole story develops tells us far more about the times in which the author lived than the era referred to. Prior to the Norman invasion the Vikings were attacking and settling just as the Saxons had done years before. People must surely have looked around for a saviour. Times were right for telling stories of a powerful leader. This suggested that the rightful heir to the throne of England was driven out by the Saxons - maybe to Northern France. They could claim a direct blood-line to previous kings. Robert was unusual among the Norman Lords in as much as he encouraged an intellectual movement in Wales. It is said that he gathered a brilliant body of learned men in his court. In reality life must have been very different from that depicted in the legend that developed. The story as we know it was written by Malory in He very clearly set the events in the Middle Ages. What is the truth? Is there such a thing as the truth? Locating facts is very difficult. Geoffrey was writing some years after the events. His main source is not known. Until relatively recently there was no standard spelling for even common words - names of people and places in particular took many forms. The deeper you dig, the less you see. Remember the words of a popular song:

## 2: The Legends of King Arthur and His Knights by James Knowles

*Tyler Tichelaar, Author of the nonfiction study King Arthur's Children and novels on King Arthur Answered Sep 7, 2016. Author has 55 answers and 1.1k answer views Malory's Le Morte D'Arthur is the best work.*

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## 3: Was King Arthur a real person? - HISTORY

*King Arthur is a legendary British leader who, according to Medieval histories and romances, led the defense of Britain against Saxon invaders in the early sixth century. The details of Arthur's story are mainly composed of folklore and literary invention, and his historical existence is debated and.*

One school of thought, citing entries in the *Historia Brittonum* History of the Britons and *Annales Cambriae* Welsh Annals, sees Arthur as a genuine historical figure, a Romano-British leader who fought against the invading Anglo-Saxons some time in the late 5th to early 6th century. The *Historia Brittonum*, a 9th-century Latin historical compilation attributed in some late manuscripts to a Welsh cleric called Nennius, contains the first datable mention of King Arthur, listing twelve battles that Arthur fought. These culminate in the Battle of Badon, where he is said to have single-handedly killed men. Recent studies, however, question the reliability of the *Historia Brittonum*. The *Annales* date this battle to 517, and also mention the Battle of Camlann, in which Arthur and Medraut Mordred were both killed, dated to 537. The latest research shows that the *Annales Cambriae* was based on a chronicle begun in the late 8th century in Wales. Additionally, the complex textual history of the *Annales Cambriae* precludes any certainty that the Arthurian annals were added to it even that early. They were more likely added at some point in the 10th century and may never have existed in any earlier set of annals. The Badon entry probably derived from the *Historia Brittonum*. In the view of historian Thomas Charles-Edwards, "at this stage of the enquiry, one can only say that there may well have been an historical Arthur [but Even so, he found little to say about an historical Arthur. The fact of the matter is that there is no historical evidence about Arthur; we must reject him from our histories and, above all, from the titles of our books. They cite parallels with figures such as the Kentish Hengist and Horsa, who may be totemic horse-gods that later became historicised. Bede ascribed to these legendary figures a historical role in the 5th-century Anglo-Saxon conquest of eastern Britain. Neither the *Historia* nor the *Annales* calls him "rex": Sites and places have been identified as "Arthurian" since the 12th century, [17] but archaeology can confidently reveal names only through inscriptions found in secure contexts. The so-called "Arthur stone", discovered in among the ruins at Tintagel Castle in Cornwall in securely dated 6th-century contexts, created a brief stir but proved irrelevant. Arthur "Arturus rex", a illustration from the Nuremberg Chronicle The origin of the Welsh name "Arthur" remains a matter of debate. The most widely accepted etymology derives it from the Roman nomen gentile family name Artorius. In Welsh poetry the name is always spelled Arthur and is exclusively rhymed with words ending in -ur never words ending in -wr which confirms that the second element cannot be [g]wr "man". Pre-Galfridian traditions The earliest literary references to Arthur come from Welsh and Breton sources. A academic survey that does attempt this by Caitlin Green identifies three key strands to the portrayal of Arthur in this earliest material. Some of these are human threats, such as the Saxons he fights in the *Historia Brittonum*, but the majority are supernatural, including giant cat-monsters, destructive divine boars, dragons, dogheads, giants, and witches. On the one hand, he launches assaults on Otherworldly fortresses in search of treasure and frees their prisoners. On the other, his warband in the earliest sources includes former pagan gods, and his wife and his possessions are clearly Otherworldly in origin. One stanza praises the bravery of a warrior who slew enemies, but says that despite this, "he was no Arthur" that is, his feats cannot compare to the valour of Arthur. The Welsh prose tale *Culhwch and Olwen* c. The story as a whole tells of Arthur helping his kinsman Culhwch win the hand of Olwen, daughter of Ysbaddaden Chief-Giant, by completing a series of apparently impossible tasks, including the hunt for the great semi-divine boar *Twrch Trwyth*. The 9th-century *Historia Brittonum* also refers to this tale, with the boar there named *Troynt*. The later manuscripts of the *Triads* are partly derivative from Geoffrey of Monmouth and later continental traditions, but the earliest ones show no such influence and are usually agreed to refer to pre-existing Welsh traditions. In particular, Arthur features in a number of well-known vitae "Lives" of post-Roman saints, none of which are now generally considered to be reliable historical sources the earliest probably dates from the 11th century. Cadoc delivers them as demanded, but when Arthur takes possession of the animals, they turn into bundles of ferns. A less obviously legendary account of Arthur appears in the

Legenda Sancti Goeznovii , which is often claimed to date from the early 11th century although the earliest manuscript of this text dates from the 15th century and the text is now dated to the late 12th to early 13th century. He then defeats the Picts and Scots before creating an Arthurian empire through his conquests of Ireland, Iceland and the Orkney Islands. After twelve years of peace, Arthur sets out to expand his empire once more, taking control of Norway, Denmark and Gaul. Arthur and his warriors, including Kaius Kay , Beduerus Bedivere and Gualgvanus Gawain , defeat the Roman emperor Lucius Tiberius in Gaul but, as he prepares to march on Rome, Arthur hears that his nephew Modredus Mordred "whom he had left in charge of Britain" has married his wife Guenhuuara Guinevere and seized the throne. Arthur returns to Britain and defeats and kills Modredus on the river Camblam in Cornwall, but he is mortally wounded. He hands the crown to his kinsman Constantine and is taken to the isle of Avalon to be healed of his wounds, never to be seen again. While it was by no means the only creative force behind Arthurian romance, many of its elements were borrowed and developed. e. Lacy has observed, whatever his faults and frailties may be in these Arthurian romances, "his prestige is never or almost never compromised by his personal weaknesses. Perceval, although unfinished, was particularly popular: The most significant of these 13th-century prose romances was the Vulgate Cycle also known as the Lancelot-Grail Cycle , a series of five Middle French prose works written in the first half of that century. The cycle continued the trend towards reducing the role played by Arthur in his own legend, partly through the introduction of the character of Galahad and an expansion of the role of Merlin. During this period, Arthur was made one of the Nine Worthies , a group of three pagan, three Jewish and three Christian exemplars of chivalry. Malory based his book "originally titled The Whole Book of King Arthur and of His Noble Knights of the Round Table" on the various previous romance versions, in particular the Vulgate Cycle, and appears to have aimed at creating a comprehensive and authoritative collection of Arthurian stories. So, for example, the 16th-century humanist scholar Polydore Vergil famously rejected the claim that Arthur was the ruler of a post-Roman empire, found throughout the post-Galfridian medieval "chronicle tradition", to the horror of Welsh and English antiquarians. Tennyson and the revival In the early 19th century, medievalism , Romanticism , and the Gothic Revival reawakened interest in Arthur and the medieval romances. A new code of ethics for 19th-century gentlemen was shaped around the chivalric ideals embodied in the "Arthur of romance". It was first published in and sold 10,000 copies within the first week. While Tom maintained his small stature and remained a figure of comic relief, his story now included more elements from the medieval Arthurian romances and Arthur is treated more seriously and historically in these new versions. By the end of the 19th century, it was confined mainly to Pre-Raphaelite imitators, [] and it could not avoid being affected by World War I , which damaged the reputation of chivalry and thus interest in its medieval manifestations and Arthur as chivalric role model. List of works based on Arthurian legends In the latter half of the 20th century, the influence of the romance tradition of Arthur continued, through novels such as T. Attempts to portray Arthur as a genuine historical figure of c. In the s, the Order of the Fellowship of the Knights of the Round Table was formed in Britain to promote Christian ideals and Arthurian notions of medieval chivalry. Lacy has observed, "The popular notion of Arthur appears to be limited, not surprisingly, to a few motifs and names, but there can be no doubt of the extent to which a legend born many centuries ago is profoundly embedded in modern culture at every level.

## 4: King Arthur - Wikipedia

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One of the first books to mention Arthur was written in the year by a monk named Nennius. Nennius wrote a book called the History of the Britons *Historia Brittonum*, and in it, he mentions that a king named Arthur commanded a number of battles. Nennius even lists these battles that he claimed were led by Arthur. It is a collection of Arthur stories that were translated and combined by Thomas Malory. Most of the stories you hear about Arthur are based on this book. Uther fell in love with a woman named Igraine but there was one problem—she was married to someone else. Uther invited all the nobles in the land to a grand feast at his castle. Igraine and her husband, a duke, attended the feast and Uther spent the evening chasing after Igraine. When her husband saw this, he became angry and left with his wife to head back home to Tintagel without telling the king. Uther was very angry that they had left and demanded that they return. No one had ever left a feast held by the king without getting permission first. While the battle was going on, Uther talked to his magician Merlin about his love for Igraine and Merlin decided to help him. Uther then snuck into the castle and went to her room. Igraine, thinking that her husband had returned, opened the door and welcomed Uther. Shortly after, Uther married Igraine and she gave birth to a baby boy who they named Arthur. To keep the promise he made to Merlin, Uther and Igraine gave Arthur to Merlin and they never saw him again. Uther died shortly after giving up his son, and since Uther did not have an heir that anyone knew about, fighting broke out in the country as everyone tried to become the new king. When Arthur was older, Merlin began to visit Arthur and teach him. The main thing Merlin tried to teach Arthur was that knowledge was more important than force. Merlin hoped that Arthur would become a wise king who would bring together all the various groups fighting for the crown. With all the fighting that was going on, the English nobles went to Merlin to ask for help. Merlin placed a sword in an anvil and then placed them on a rock. Merlin told everyone that whoever could pull the sword out of the anvil would be the new king. Many people tried to pull the sword from the stone, but no one could do it. When Arthur was fifteen years old, Merlin took him to visit the sword in the stone. There was a large crowd gathered around the sword and after many people including Sir Kay had tried to remove the sword, Arthur took his turn. He easily removed the sword and was pronounced the new king. Even though Merlin tried to stop him, Arthur stopped for the night at a local castle. While he was sleeping, he heard the sound of a harp being played. He followed the music and found Guinevere. Arthur thought she was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen and he was determined to marry her. Excalibur Merlin was worried about Arthur and since he had broken his old sword during the previous battle, Merlin decided to help Arthur get a new sword. Merlin took him to a magical lake with an island called Avalon in the middle. The Lady of the Lake lived on this island there were actually two women with the title Lady of the Lake according to Malory and she gave Arthur a magical sword. Merlin warned Arthur to always keep the scabbard by his side. Arthur was pleased with the gift because it had enough space for all of his knights and it allowed them to discuss things as equals. This seat became known as the Siege Perilous. This seat was for the greatest knight in the world and if anyone who was unworthy sat there, that knight would die. Mordred Before Arthur had married Guinevere, Arthur had met a young woman who came to his castle seeking shelter. Arthur was very attracted to the woman and spent the night with her. In the morning, the woman had disappeared and Arthur never gave her a second thought. Two of the women wanted to make peace with Arthur but the third, Morgan le Fay, wanted to bring Arthur down and she planned on using Mordred to do it. Morgan le Fay was behind the plan to have Arthur get Morgause pregnant in order to use his son against him. The Disappearance of Merlin Merlin came to love Nénive, another Lady of the Lake, and he constantly followed her around. She pretended to be in love with Merlin so that he would teach her his magic. Once she learned his magic, she took him for a walk in the forest where they came to a cave. Nénive convinced Merlin to enter the cave first and as soon as he did, she placed a magic spell on the cave entrance so that Merlin could never leave. Nénive asked Arthur to do her a favour. She wanted Arthur to train a young man by the name of Lancelot. Arthur was

impressed with Lancelot and immediately agreed. One day, Lancelot disappeared and was gone for a number of years. Lancelot had ended up in the city of Corbenic where he met King Pelles and his daughter, Elaine. Elaine loved Lancelot but Lancelot was in love with Guinevere. Elaine used magic to trap Lancelot and ended up having a son. Lancelot was very upset by what Elaine had done to him and he left to return to Camelot. Elaine then killed herself. Galahad entered the hall and was led by an elderly knight to the Siege Perilous the seat for the best knight. Arthur took this as a sign that he needed to search for the Grail. Many knights died or were injured in the search for the Grail. Galahad found the Grail but he had a vision that told him Camelot was unworthy of the Grail and it needed to be taken to Sarras, a city in the Middle East. He believed that Lancelot would remain loyal to him. Also, the search for the Grail had left many knights dead or hurt so Arthur needed Lancelot. One evening, Mordred visited Arthur and told him that he had seen Lancelot and Guinevere together. As soon as Guinevere met Lancelot in the forest, Mordred and the other knights came rushing out. Lancelot was able to get away but they captured Guinevere. Guinevere had a trial and was found guilty. She was sentenced to be burned to death at the stake but before the sentence could be carried out, Lancelot and his men attacked. Lancelot was able to free Guinevere and escape during the fighting. Arthur laid siege to the castle. The siege lasted a number of months. Finally, the two sides came to an agreement. Guinevere would return to Arthur and Lancelot would be sent to France. Arthur left Mordred in charge and while Arthur was away, Mordred made himself king and claimed Guinevere as his wife. Arthur was forced to give up his fight with Lancelot and return to Camelot in an attempt to regain his kingdom. The Death of Arthur As he was preparing to attack Mordred, Arthur had a dream warning him not to attack Mordred right away. The man drew his sword to kill the snake. Unfortunately, the blade glinted in the sun and the two armies, assuming that the other was about to attack, began fighting. During the battle, Arthur lost both Excalibur and the magic scabbard. Arthur picked up a spear to continue the fighting. Arthur saw Mordred and rushed to attack. As he lay dying, Arthur asked that both Excalibur and the magic scabbard be returned to the lake where he had gotten them. Some people claimed that Arthur was not dead, but merely sleeping on the island and he would wake up to protect Britain in its hour of greatest need. Was King Arthur Real? Even though there is not a lot of evidence for the existence of King Arthur, a number of scholars believe that the legend of King Arthur is based on a real person or a number of people from the Dark Ages. It was common during this time for storytellers to give the heroes of their stories supernatural qualities. Regardless of whether Arthur was real or not, the story of King Arthur, Lancelot, Guinevere, and the Holy Grail continue to interest people today. Countless books, movies, and articles have been written on the subject.

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