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Writing an Arthurian Legend:

Assignment: After reading *The Story of King Arthur and His Knights* by Howard Pyle, write your own Arthurian Legend containing a Knight of the Round Table which you have created.

Audience to Consider: Classmates

Purpose: To entertain, to celebrate folk or national heroes, and to pass on cultural values

Overall characteristics of the genre:

1. Extraordinary events will seem commonplace, so spells and enchantments are desirable. Include such events.
2. Heroes and villains are clearly defined, but the best knights are not perfect. Include a hero with faults.
3. The action is episodic. Write a minimum of three separate episodes within the one legend.

Plot: In some form or fashion, the knight tries to live up to the chivalric code of conduct. In so doing, the knight encounters conflicts with a villain.

Grading Criteria:

A - Superior

Your paper is 2-3 pages in length, double spaced, writing includes extraordinary events, a well-defined hero and villain. Your writing contains a clear understanding of the Knights Code of Chivalry, as well as the structure and purpose of an Arthurian Legend (See Prewriting on the back).

B - Above Average

- Your writing contains most, but not all, of the requirements of a superior paper.

C - Satisfactory

Your writing is at least 2-3 pages in length. It contains at least one element of a superior paper.

D - Not satisfactory

Use these lists to generate ideas:

Items of the Era:

____ tournaments
____ architecture
____ jousts
____ religious orders
____ holy days
____ type of clothing
____ entertainment
____ foods served
____ castles
____ art work
____ heraldry
____ the plague
____ occupations
____ weapons used

Chivalric Virtues:

____ Faith
____ Charity
____ Justice
____ Wisdom
____ Discernment
____ Self-Control
____ Courage
____ Truth
____ Generous
____ Diligent
____ Hope
____ Valor

Prewriting: Outline for the Story (Must be completed!)

Name of the Knight	
Describe personality	1. 2.
Codes of Chivalry	1. 2. 3.

Name of the Villain	
Describe personality	1. 2.

Conflict (describe the problem)	
Plot	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exposition	
<input type="checkbox"/> Episode 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Episode 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Episode 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	
Extra-ordinary Events (spells, magic, etc)	1. 2.