

The Arthurian Legend



Starts in oral tradition in Wales around the year 700



Historia Regum Britanniae

First complete written account

Geoffrey of Monmouth (1130s)



Le Roman de Brut

Written in French

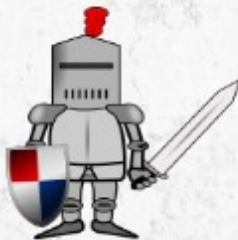
Robert Wace (1155)



Brut

First version in Middle English

Layamon



1170 - 1190

Introduces individual knights

Chrétien de Troyes



Late 12th century - 13th century

Christianisation: Holy Grail

Robert de Boron



Le Morte d'Arthur

Most complete version: unifies French and English myths

Sir Thomas Malory (printed in 1485)