

THE QUEST FOR THE HOLY GRAIL



In the Arthurian legend, the Holy Grail was a magical chalice or cup which could only be seen by people who led very good lives. The chalice would appear without warning, always covered with white silk, surrounded by a bright light and accompanied by the most wonderful perfume. It always brought each person the food and the drink he or she most desired, and just being close to it made people feel peaceful and happy.

When Galahad grew up, he was knighted by his father, Sir Lancelot, and took his place at the Round Table. Galahad's seat was the Siege Perilous, which had remained empty since the beginning of the Round Table. That night the Hallows appeared in the great Hall at Camelot, shrouded in silk, and bathed in light. This annoyed Sir Gawain, who said that he wanted to see the Grail without its silk cover. So he started the Quest by saying that he would not return to court till he had done so. Next morning, the King and the Queen watched as one hundred and fifty knights rode out of Camelot on the Quest for the Holy Grail.

What Sir Gawain did not realise was that this was an adventure like no other. This was not about conquering outer enemies, but inner ones- the things within the knights themselves that held them back from greatness: their pride and envy, fear, jealousy, anger, greed and laziness. Most of the knights did not understand that. Here in Top Ten Legend number eight, is what happened to three of them- Sir Gawain, Sir Lancelot and Sir Bors- when they set off in search of the Holy Grail- and then what happened when finally a very few of the very best knights achieved the Holy Grail.

(Top Ten Arthurian Legends)

1. Give one example of:

- **A relative sentence**
- **A passive sentence**
- **A gerund after a preposition**
- **A possessive adjective**
- **Two connectors**

2. Write the corresponding adjective to the following nouns:

- **Pride**
- **Envy**
- **Fear**
- **Jealousy**
- **Anger**
- **Greed**
- **Laziness**

3. Find a synonym in the text for the following words:

- **Sacred**

- Advise
- Stay
- Irritate
- Until
- Keep under observation
- Begin journey



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