

CODE OF CHIVALRY  
*SIR GAWAIN AND THE GREEN KNIGHT* part 1

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1. Be on the lookout for similes and/or metaphors. Find at least two in the first section of the reading (Actually, you can find them in the first few paragraphs).
2. Find two examples of alliteration in the first two paragraphs. This is similar to *Beowulf*.
3. The setting of the story is a great castle. Find four phrases that show how splendid the surroundings are.
4. Describe the Green Knight (other than the fact he's green).
5. What does the green color symbolize?
6. What does holly symbolize?
7. How does Arthur greet the Green Knight?
8. What "gift" does the Green Knight want to give and what does he want in return?
9. What criticism does the Green Knight give Arthur's court? Why?
10. Why does no one accept his gift right away?

11. Why does Gawain want the job?
12. Describe what happens to the Green Knight. Why doesn't he die?
13. How is Gawain to find the knight and honor their agreement?
14. What kind of relationship do Arthur and his lady have?
15. According to Arthur, what might cause Gawain to fail in his task?
16. How does this story fit the definition of chivalry?
17. Who is the intended audience for this story?
18. This story also adds to our definition of "manhood" and heroism. In what way?