

Medieval Times

Essay II: The Queen of Air and Darkness

Please choose one essay prompt from the prompts below. Please write a standard Humanities department essay: 4-5 paragraphs, 6-8 sentences each paragraph. Please use quotes from the story to illustrate your points and ideas. Use parenthetical notation to list the page of the quote. I am interested in your opinions in the essay, so feel free to use “I” statements. This essay is due Tuesday October 31, 2023. Please see Erin if you need help or have any questions.

1. Write an essay that compares and contrasts the upbringing/education of Arthur to the upbringing of the brothers from Orkney, Gawain, Agravane, Gareth and Gaheris. What is different in the relationship between the boys and their tutors? How will these differences affect how these boys are as adult men? Does the “lack” of a mother figure play any role in how they turn out as men?
2. Write a detailed analysis of the Character of Morgause. What role does she play in the story? What are some of her most notable characteristics? Do you consider her to be a villain? How do you think she will shape the story going forward?
3. Discuss Arthur’s development of the ideas of “Might vs. Right” and the Round Table. How do these ideas develop and why? What role do you see these ideas play in not only Arthur’s kingship, but also in the rest of the story of Arthur. What is important about these ideas to our understanding of Chivalry?