

Book 1:

1. Why does the poem begin with Troy? Why not King Arthur and Sir Gawain?
2. What season of the year is it when the poem begins? Why is that significant?

What day is it? Why is that significant?

3. Describe King Arthur.
4. How old are Arthur and his Knight's? How do you know?
5. Why won't Arthur eat his dinner?
6. What is the most unusual thing about the man who rides into the hall?
7. In what interesting way does the author bring us that information?
8. What is the man carrying in his hands?
9. How does the man behave when he enters?
10. Whom does he ask for?

11. What initial response does he get?
12. What does the Green Knight propose? (Note the language he uses)
13. How many knights initially offer to undertake the Green Knight's challenge?
14. What arguments does Gawain finally use in asking to be given the challenge?
15. What happens when Gawain cuts off the Green Knight's head?
16. What is Arthur's response once the Green Knight has left?
17. **In a chunk** Why is Sir Gawain the best of King Arthur's knights?