

English 1, Level 4 (N200134)

The Once and Future King, T.H. White

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Please purchase *The Once and Future King*, but read only the first section of the tetralogy entitled “The Sword in the Stone.”

As a boy, Wart and his step-brother Sir Kay, learn the rules of chivalry, until a strange old wizard enters the picture. Wart's training takes on new forms as his tutor, Merlyn, prepares Wart for the day he will stumble across a sword stuck in a stone and do the impossible. This is T.H. White's retelling of the classic legend of King Arthur.

Before beginning the book, write the question below on the inside cover of your book. Keep this question in mind as you read, **underlining** and **annotating** (writing marginal notes in your book) relevant passages from the novel that help you answer it. Additionally, track characters, settings, and plot through your annotations. Also, track places where the author seems to know more than the Wart, who still has a great deal to learn.

How does each transformation prepare Wart for the day when he must pull the sword from the stone and fulfill his destiny?

