

Reading 7 Questions

1. It would seem to me that the Knights of the Round Table part of the story is missing. Also Guinevere is missing as of now.
The Excalibur being magical.
2. King Arthur has been a king of generosity, he gives to his people. He also has been a king of conquering other peoples.
He must defend Britain from almost everyone.
3. Mark is convinced to do whatever because he wants to fit in with the inner circle no matter what it takes.
4. Fog masks what is going on both literally and figuratively. The fog is a symbol of shutting out the light and obscurity.
Mark is going further into the fog and dark, whereas Jane is finally coming out into the light and out of the dark.

Reading 8 Questions

1. In Arthur's reign he is honorable, generous, and courageous. He shows mercy to many of those whom he captures. This is quite the opposite of other previous rulers.
There is now peacetime.
2. Rome suddenly took note of Arthur because his kingdom suddenly became extremely wealthy and conquered many lands. Rome didn't care about him before because he wasn't a big player in the world before.
Rome sensed a threat.
3. It seems to me that we really can't know. He probably added a little "color" to the story and possibly added characters if any of it is even true. On the other hand, it could be either what Geoffrey actually believed to be true or it could be a completely fictional tale.
Maybe we should give Geoffrey the benefit of the doubt.
4. Jane first thinks he is very young and she feels captivated by him. She can't take her eyes off him. She first thinks of King Arthur and King Solomon. I think it is because those kings are known for their honesty and trustworthiness.
5. Jane has pretty much fully come out of the "fog" and into the light. She also has become very loyal to those at Saint Anne's. She is willing to submit to Mr. Fisher-King's wishes and to follow him.
Jane's fears and insecurities have been shattered now.

Reading 9 Questions

1. Arthur is the kind of guy who faces his problems head on and doesn't let himself be bullied. Arthur is also very honorable.
Arthur is shooting for the big leagues.
2. Both of them put their own interests first and don't do what is best for the people they represent.
Both are examples of sowing the wind, and reaping the whirlwind.
3. They want Mark to get to Jane.
They are using Mark.
4. Mark does not like Frost. In the book it says, "There was, to be sure, a cold fish-like quality about Frost which Mark did not like and something even repulsive about the regularity of his features." It says it right out, Mark doesn't like Frost.
Mark thinks he is mature to enjoy being around someone whom he dislikes.
5. Those at St. Anne's don't really want to control people or do things that are wrong. The people at Belbury just want to control everyone at all costs. Legality and honesty are of no concern to them.
There is a tame bear at St. Anne's, but Belbury wants to shave the planet of all organic life.
6. The people of N.I.C.E. want to create an all knowing Omni-potent "god". They want to conquer death so to speak. To be able to preserve a mind after the body is dead. They want to do it whether the person wants to or not.
To gain ultimate power and become God.