

**“SIR GAWAIN” QUESTIONS** Name \_\_\_\_\_  
BRITISH LITERATURE  
MRS. PILGREEN Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK YOUR COMPREHENSION

1. The Green Knight’s challenge has two parts:
  - a. What is Sir Gawain to do immediately?
  
  - b. What is he to do a year later?
  
2. What does Sir Gawain get from the lady of the castle, and what is the purpose of this present?
  
3. What occurs when Sir Gawain and the Green Knight meet at the Chapel Green?
  
4. Summarize what the Green Knight tells Sir Gawain at the end of the story (the theme or moral).

CRITICAL THINKING

1. Why does the Green Knight laugh at the members of the Round Table in line 92?
  
2. When Sir Gawain sees the Green Chapel, who does he think the Green Knight might be (line 283-286)?
  
3. In lines 464-477, why is Sir Gawain upset?

4. What do you think Sir Gawain had learned from his second encounter with the Green Knight?
5. In your own opinion, has Sir Gawain failed to live up to the code of chivalry? Explain.
6. What modern occupation do you think comes closest to matching the duties and ideals of the Knights of the Round Table? Explain your answer.

#### LITERARY FOCUS

1. Which characteristic of a medieval romance is not displayed in this excerpt from Sir Gawain and the Green Knight?
2. Does Sir Gawain fit the mold of a medieval hero? Explain.

#### VOCABULARY BUILDER

*Choose the letter of the word that best expresses the meaning of the first word.*

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| 1. Assay    | a. test     | b. deny           | c. ignore    |
| 2. Adjure   | a. reject   | b. appeal         | c. ask       |
| 3. Feigned  | a. revealed | b. refused        | c. pretended |
| 4. Adroitly | a. skillful | b. brave          | c. cowardly  |
| 5. Largesse | a. nobility | b. insignificance | c. wisdom    |