

The Shining Sword

Study Guide

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Review Questions

Chapter 1 The King's Messenger

1. What is Lanus doing when we first meet him?
2. Where had Robin been during his year-long absence from the village?
3. Robin wondered what caused all the troubles in the valley. What did the wise men say were the reasons the people of the valley could not live together peaceably?
4. What caused Robin to pause on the path to the King's castle? How did he overcome his fear of continuing?

Name _____ Date _____

Score: _____/50

A. Matching: Characters in *The Shining Sword*

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| A. Gayne | E. Robin |
| B. Wavor | F. Lanus |
| C. Jamin | G. Ertel |
| D. Zemla | H. Henda |

_____ 1. seneschal of the King's castle; taught Lanus to fight with the point of the sword

_____ 2. friend that invited Lanus to visit the King's castle

B. Short Answer: Choose 10. Questions are in chronological order.

Review Questions: Answer Key

Chapter 1 The King's Messenger

1. What is Lanus doing when we first meet him?
*Lying on the grassy knoll, watching the villagers working in the fields below, p. 8.
2. Where had Robin been during his year-long absence from the village?
*At the King's castle learning to serve the King, pp. 10-11.
3. Robin wondered what caused all the troubles in the valley. What did the wise men say were the reasons the people of the valley could not live together peaceably?
*Some said it was just human nature; others said mankind had not advanced that far yet; and some believed the people needed a different form of government, p. 12.
4. What caused Robin to pause on the path to the King's castle? How did he overcome his fear of continuing?
*The path went through a dark wood; a man sent by the King waited by the path to lead him to the castle, pp. 13-14.

Spiritual Lessons & Discussion Starters

- The entire book revolves around the spiritual warfare theme and the need for spiritual armor found in Ephesians 6. Gayne does a great job of describing the armor to Lanus in Chapter 6 of *The Shining Sword*. Do you think there is any coincidence to the identical chapter numbers? Why are all the pieces of armor necessary to battle the enemy effectively? How would the Christian soldier be vulnerable were any of the pieces of armor missing?

The Shining Sword Test

1. What is Lanus doing when we first meet him?
2. Why were there many defensive outposts around the King's castle?

C. Multiple Choice: Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank. Questions are in chronological order.

_____ 1. Which of the following is NOT a reason given by the wise men for all the trouble in the Broad Valley?

- A. Mankind had not advanced far enough to solve all problems
- B. Frequent raids by tribal groups living outside the valley
- C. Human nature
- D. Need for a different form of government

D. True or False: Circle T or F. Questions are in chronological order.

- T F 1. Whenever the King's soldiers blew the silver trumpet, the enemy soldiers fell down dead.
- T F 2. The Great Mission of the Castle's inhabitants was to tell the inhabitants of the Great Valley about the King.

E. Finish the Statement: Circle the correct answer. Questions are in chronological order.

1. (The dark woods / An enemy soldier) caused Robin to pause on the path to the King's castle.
2. Robin learned about the King by (reading the King's book / talking to Latta).