Plan Your Schedule

My group members are: ________________________________

We plan to read *Knights of the Round Table* and meet on these dates:

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Our Exchange meeting will be on this date: ________________.
Prepare to Read

Think About What You Know

Who is a hero to you? What did this hero do? Why? Tell what makes a person a hero.

Preview and Predict

• Look at the front cover. Read the title.
• Read the summary on the back cover.
• Read The Exchange question on the title page.

1. Page through the book and look at the pictures and the chapter names. What do you notice?

2. Many heroes in legends like the *Knights of the Round Table* can do almost anything. Do you think King Arthur and his knights will live up to this tradition? How?
Use a Reading Strategy

Use a Story Map

As you read each part of *Knights of the Round Table*, use a Story Map to show what happens to the characters and how they show their bravery.

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Respond to The Sword in the Stone

Story Map

Review what happened in Chapter 1. Complete the first section of your Story Map on Journal page 4.

Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. **Personal Response**  Arthur was excited to go to London because it was an adventure. Tell about one of your adventures.

2. **Monitor Reading**  Choose a section of Chapter 1 that was difficult to understand. Write three questions you had about that part. Then go back, reread, and answer your questions.

3. **Perspectives**  Imagine that you are Sir Kay. Arthur brings you a sword and tells you how he got it. What do you think about? How do you feel?
Respond to Lancelot and the Round Table

Story Map

What new characters did you learn about in Chapter 2? What happened to them? Complete the next section of your Story Map on Journal page 4.

Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response  The Knights of the Round Table worked together to help people. Tell about one time you or someone you know worked with others to help someone.

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2. Character  Why did Lancelot do so many brave things?

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3. Paraphrase/Opinion  Describe in your own words who the Knights of the Round Table were. Would you want to be a part of that group? Why?

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Respond to The Beautiful Witch

Story Map
What happened in Chapter 3? Write about new characters and events in your Story Map on Journal page 4.

Think It Over
Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response Merlin warned Arthur not to trust too easily. Has anyone ever given you advice like this? What was it? Did it help you? How?

2. Setting This story took place in a forest long ago. How would the story be different if it took place today in a big city?

3. Opinion Merlin said, “What is beautiful is not always good.” Do you agree with him? Why or why not?
Respond to Sir Gawain and the Lady Ragnell

Story Map
Add to your Story Map on Journal page 4 to show what happened in Chapter 4.

Think It Over
Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response Have you ever done something you didn’t want to do in order to help a friend or family member? How did it feel? How do you think Sir Gawain felt when he had to marry Lady Ragnell?

2. Opinion Why do you think Sir Malger let King Arthur live after their first battle?

3. Compare Across Texts Part of Lady Ragnall’s spell was broken by a kiss. Do you know other stories in which that happens? Name them.
Respond to The Kitchen Knight

Story Map

Review what happened in Chapter 5. Add the characters and events you read about to your Story Map on Journal page 4.

Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response Kay made it hard for Gareth and called him Big Hands. Have you ever been the new person in a group? How do you want to be treated?

2. Exaggeration An exaggeration stretches the truth. On page 80, Kay said about Big Hands, “I will stuff this lazy fellow until he is as fat as a hog!” Is this an exaggeration? Why or why not?

3. Theme The theme of “The Kitchen Knight” could be: Don’t judge people by their appearance. What other stories in this book have a similar theme?
Respond to The Last Battle

Story Map
Add the characters and events you read about in Chapter 6 to your Story Map on Journal page 4.

Think It Over
Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response The Knights of the Round Table were heroes because they fought for what was fair and good. Who are your heroes? How are they like the Knights of the Round Table?

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2. Mood Reread pages 106–109 and look at the pictures. Think about why the women were crying and how the pictures made you feel. What is the mood in this part of the story?

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3. Plot How would you end the story of King Arthur? Write your ending below. Tell what pictures you would want with the ending.

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