

The Legend of King Arthur



Long ago, King Uther of the Britons fell in love with the Lady Igraine. They had a son and named him Arthur.

Because of many wars with the Saxons, Uther gave his son to Merlin to hide so he could be raised in safety.



Merlin took the baby and gave him to Sir Ector, where he was raised in the safety of the countryside with Sir Ector's own son, Kay.

Many years later, King Uther died. Nobody knew he had a son as Arthur remained a closely guarded secret. Therefore, there was much arguing about who should be the next High-King of the Britons.

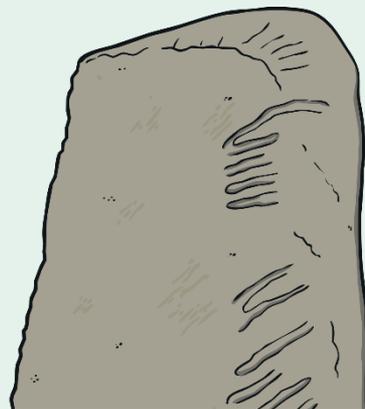


Then, a mysterious stone appeared outside St. Paul's Cathedral in London. An enormous sword was protruding out of the stone with a message on it which said that whoever pulled the sword out of the stone was the rightful High-King of the Britons. Lots of knights and local Kings tried to pull the sword from the stone, but to no avail. The sword would not move. And so, there was no High-King of the Britons for many years, until one day...

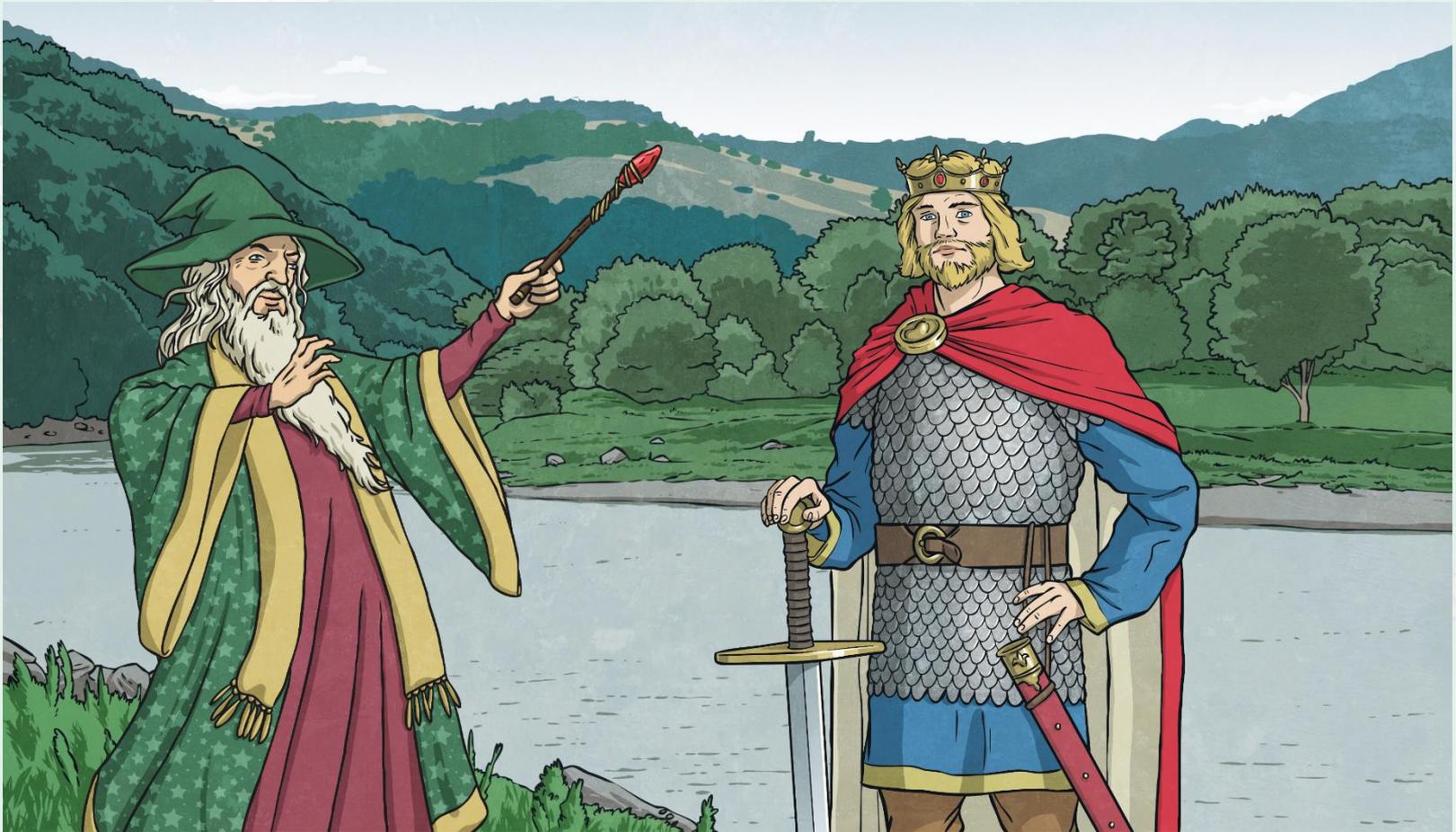


Arthur was now fifteen years old and on his way to a tournament where his step-brother Kay was competing. Unfortunately, Arthur had forgotten to bring Kay's sword, so he set off to find one before his mistake was discovered.

He came to St Paul's Cathedral and saw the sword in the stone. He went up to the stone and pulled the sword out easily! When he returned to the tournament, no-one believed that he had pulled the sword from the stone. Arthur returned to the stone and showed everyone how he had pulled the sword out.



Soon after, Arthur was crowned High-King of Britain. Merlin, his father's old wizard helped him rule. Saxons still battled against the Britons, so Merlin took Arthur to see the Lady of the Lake.



The Lady of the Lake emerged from the water and gave Arthur a sword named 'Excalibur', which he kept in a magical scabbard. With the help of Excalibur, and his trusted Knights, Arthur defeated many Saxons and Britain became a peaceful land.

