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3 **Gawain and the Green Knight Quiz on Parts 1-4**

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4 [Medieval Romance Handout, Intro (pp. 200-202), Part 1 (pp. 202-212) and Part 2 (pp. 212-225)]

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6 NOTE: FOR TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS, IF YOU MARK ANY FALSE, **CORRECT** THE
7 STATEMENT SO THAT IT IS TRUE (DO NOT SIMPLY ADD THE WORD "NOT" TO MAKE IT FALSE!).
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9 _____ 1. True (use a T) or False (use a O)?

10 The date of composition of the Gawain poem is somewhere
11 in the last quarter of the 11th century which makes the poet
12 a contemporary of Chaucer. (p. 200)

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14 _____ 2-3. Gawain skillfully combines two adventures with motifs
15 common in folktales. According to the introduction,
16 specifically what are they? (p. 200)
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18 _____ 4. T or O? Like Beowulf, Gawain is also an epic poem. (p. 201)

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20 _____ 5. Describe the coat of arms displayed on Sir Gawain's shield.
21 (p. 200)
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23 _____ 6. T or O? Look at the lines from the poem reprinted below.
24 Line 3 is called the "bob" and lines 4-7 are called the "wheel."
25 (p. 201)

26 line 1 *He confesses it a feast with free words and fair;*
27 2 *They requite him as kindly with courteous jests,*
28 3 *well-sped.*
29 4 *"Tonight you fast and pray:*
30 5 *Tomorrow we'll see you fed."*
31 6 *The knight grows wondrous gay*
32 7 *As the wine goes to his head.*
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34 _____ 7. Of what poetic device is the following line an example?

35 ***B**old **b**oys **b**red there, in **b**roils delighting*
36 *That **d**id in their **d**ay many a **d**eed most **d**ire.* (p. 201)
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38 _____ 8. When the Green Knight arrives at Arthur's court, he states
39 that he has come to: (p. 208)

- 40 A. play a game C. challenge King Arthur
41 B. issue a threat D. challenge Sir Gawain
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43 _____ 9. Why does Gawain say it would be best to offer himself for
44 the "volunteer" rather than Arthur or anyone else in court?
45 (p. 209)
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- 47 _____ 10. What familial relationship does Gawain have to King
48 Arthur? (p. 209)
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- 50 _____ 11. What does Gawain promise the Green Knight at the end of
51 Part I? (p. 212)
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- 53 _____ 12-13. Why green? What symbolism might the color green have?
54 Think of at least 2 possible traditional associations
55 of the color green.
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- 57 _____ 14. True (use a T) or False (use a O)?
58 Sir Gawain is a Christian. (pp. 213-214; 218; etc.)
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- 60 _____ 15. Approximately much time has passed since the Green
61 Knight visited Arthur's court? (p. 212)
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- 63 _____ 16. Of what is the pentangle, the sign on Sir Gawain's, a symbol or
64 "token of"? (p. 215)
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- 66 _____ 17. T or O? For the most part, the trip to find the Green Knight is
67 absolutely uneventful. It is completely devoid of trial or
68 tribulation for Sir Gawain. (p. 217)
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- 70 _____ 18. T or O? Gawain has a very difficult time convincing the
71 porter and the lord to give him lodging to rest up before
72 continuing on to find the Green Knight. (pp. 218-219)
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- 74 _____ 19. T or O? When Gawain tells the lord his name and from whose
75 court he comes, the lord is completely dumbfounded. He
76 has never heard of Gawain nor King Arthur. (pp. 221-222)
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- 78 _____ 20. What is the name of the lord?
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- 80 21.-22. Describe the two women Gawain meets at Arthur's court
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- 82 One of the two women _____
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- 85 The second of the two women _____
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- 87 _____ 23. T or O? Sir Gawain tells the lord about his plans to meet the
88 Green Knight. (p. 223-224)
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- 90 _____ 24. Time is running out before Gawain must meet the Green
91 Knight. What does the lord tell Gawain which convinces
92 him to stay at the castle a little longer? (pp. 224-225)
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25. Instead of an "exchange of blows," what does the lord propose an exchange of with Sir Gawain? (p. 225)

Parts 3-4 (pp. 225-254)

26. _____ 26-28. In part 2, name the three animals IN ORDER that the lord of the castle hunts. (-1 if out of order) (pp. 226, 232, 237)

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28. _____

29. animal: _____ 29. For one of the hunted animals, give some traditional associations that this animal has had throughout time (in legend, stories, or history).

significant associations: _____

_____ 30. What is the one gift Gawain receives which he doesn't reveal to the lord? (p. 242)

_____ 31. What happens just as the Green Knight heaves the first blow to Gawain's neck? (p. 249)

_____ 32. What is the other identity of Sir Bercilak? (p. 252)

_____ 33. At the end, Gawain is talking about something (p. 253):

What is "it"?

"This is the sign of sore loss that I have suffered there
For the cowardice and coveting that I came to there;
This is the badge of false faith that I was found in there,
And I must bear it on my body till I breathe my last."

34-35. Describe what you think the significance is of the item described in question 33. (2 pts.)

36-40 (5 points) Is this a "**happy**" or an "**unhappy**" ending? Give a very "meaty" response to justify your answer. The ending is _____ because . . .

PERSONAL RESPONSE: Jot down any comments or questions or reactions to Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Did it connect with you? How? What universal questions/truths emerge from this medieval work of literature?

CLASS NOTES:

1. Chart of Comparison of CHARACTERS:

Arthur	Gawain	Green Knight

2. Significance of the color green?

Brainstorm list of traditional associations of green:

Most likely possibilities of green thematically?

3. Themes/universal questions/connections?

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