

Classwork/Homework Packet: Knight's Tale, Week 3

Directions: As you read the *Knight's Tale*, complete the following questions. Answer the questions using complete sentences on a document to be turned into *turnitin.com*. Please note that I am expecting grade level writing from you. This means attention to grammar and spelling, complete thoughts, and including quotes from the text to support your answers (when the question requires it).

Part 1

1. The Knight's tale is about the two princes, Arcite and Palamon, so why does the Knight spend so much time talking about Theseus's battles with the Amazons and King Creon?
2. Theseus takes Hippolyta, the former queen of the Amazons, to be his wife after he conquers her army. According to the Knight, there is a great wedding feast. What does this part of the tale reveal about the nature of marriage, from the Knight's point of view?
3. What happens to set Arcite free from perpetual imprisonment?

Part 2

4. Explain the reasons Arcite and Palamon give for envying each other after Arcite is freed and then state what these reasons say about each man's character.
5. What does each prince do when he is out of jail?
6. What is the original agreement between Palamon and Arcite when they meet up in the thickets?
7. How does Theseus intervene in the battle between Palamon and Arcite?

Part 3

8. Describe the coliseum and temples that surround it.
9. Before the battle three characters visit the shrines. A. Identify who visits which shrine and summarize the request each one makes to the respective god or goddess. B. Briefly state what each person's request says about him or her.

Part 4

10. Who wins the battle? Who wins Emily? What theme or message does the outcome of the battle for Emily give the reader?