

LITERATURE: LOWER LEVEL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Lower Grammar Worksheet on *Saint George and the Dragon*

If you desire to learn more about Edmund Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, upon which this story is based, read the summary given for teachers of rhetoric students on pages 41-43. These answers are worded with elevated vocabulary and syntax compared to what your students should be capable of.



What do the travelers experience in the woods and wilderness?

Through the woods and wilderness, the path is straight and narrow. Unfortunately, it is difficult to see, and the knight sometimes loses his way. Una then guides him back to the path.

NOTE: Read Matthew 7:13-14 and Psalm 25:4-5 for a biblical view on following the path of God.



What happens on the steep hill?

As they travel through thorns, they climb with a hermit to the top of the hill and look at the view. In the distance they see a mountaintop that touches the heavens. It is at this time that the hermit tells George that he was born English and not of fairy folk.

NOTE: Isaiah 65:17, Philippians 3:13-14, and Hebrews 12:2 remind us of heaven and exhort us to keep our eyes on Jesus.



What do they see as they travel through farmland?

As the travelers ride through the farmland, men and women working in the fields cheer because they know that a champion has come to fight the dragon.

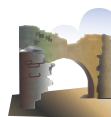
NOTE: Read John 3:16-21 to explain how Christ's entrance into the world is cause for our celebration.



Write a short description of the dragon.

The dragon gives a hideous roar; he is eager to do battle. He has a huge body with large wings, a speckled tail and cruel claws. His head is the most hideous, with its deep jaws, three rows of teeth, and a mouth that expels smoke and sulfur.

NOTE: The dragon is symbolic of Satan and his schemes. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9 and James 4:7-8. Also point out that the dragon tries to pierce the knight's shield. Ephesians 6:10-18 emphasizes the importance of being prepared to stand against the devil's schemes.



What happens at the castle after the dragon is destroyed?

The gates are opened and the news is spread through all the land. Gifts are given to the dragon-slayer, and Una is given to him as his wife.

NOTE: Psalm 60:12 and Revelation 3:21 will be helpful in discussing this part of the story with your student. You may also want to read Psalm 45 for a biblical comparison to the wedding.

Answers to Upper Grammar Worksheet on *I, Juan de Pareja*

Learning the meaning of words in context is a valuable skill that should be practiced often. Definitions of the bolded words below may vary. Our definitions are taken from www.dictionary.com.

One

"Murillo's jokes all day and his songs to the guitar after supper brought Mistress much joy, and when he was in the studio he was an **indefatigable** painter" (120).

Incapable of being tired out; not yielding to fatigue; untiring

Two

"The priest gave me a stern **penance** and I rose from my knees and went to kneel once more beside Bartolomé" (127).

A penitential discipline imposed by church authority

NOTE: This would be an appropriate time to discuss authority within your own church and what you believe about forgiveness of sins.

Three

“A rather **insolent** house-servant in livery came to ask me my business at the door, and I told him that I must speak to the Duke” (142).

Boldly rude or disrespectful

Four

“As the work grew I became a little anxious for Master, as I saw the face of the **pontiff** emerging a sharp, ambitious, a difficult man” (146).

Any high or chief priest; the Roman Catholic pope

Five

“I will write the letter of **manumission** now” (160).

The formal act of freeing from slavery

Six

“The bridegroom would not appear, but was to be married by **proxy**” (165).

A person authorized to act for another

Answers to Dialectic Worksheet on *By Right of Conquest*



- What one word gives the reader the first description of Master Diggory Beggs?
Pride (1)
- Who are Master Beggs' relatives?
 - His cousin, Reuben Hawkshaw, who is the captain, and his son, Roger (1)*
 - His wife and two daughters (4)*
- Describe the physical appearance of Master Beggs.
Stout and portly (3)
- What are three adjectives that describe Master Beggs in a positive way, based upon his dialogue with other people?
 - Concerned: Master Beggs questions Reuben about accidents or adventures (3-4, 11).*
 - Adventurous: He desires to fill the Swan with goods of all kinds for monetary gain (11, 13).*
 - Cautious: His discussions with Reuben reveal that, although he is enterprising, he is also cautious (14).*
- Does G.A. Henty provide negative descriptions of Master Beggs? How do you think this will affect the reader's view of this character throughout the book?
Although some dialogue and descriptions allow the reader to see that Master Beggs is not perfect, Henty seems to characterize him consistently in a positive light. This view comes to fruition as he provides for the health and comfort of the crew (25).
- Describe his relationship with his wife.
 - As the reader is introduced to Mistress Beggs, it seems that she and Diggory are respectful toward one another (4).*
 - Later, the Mistress dislikes being kept in the dark about the spending of money on the expedition (28).*
 - Typically, Master Beggs has a positive perception of his wife, although he is concerned about keeping secrets from her. Because of this, there is coolness between the two before his departure (29).*
- Describe his relationship with Reuben Hawkshaw.
 - The two very aptly plan for the expedition, which takes up a significant portion of chapters I-III.*
 - Diggory promises to take care of Roger, should anything happen to Reuben (38).*