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Vocabulary Study

SELF-ASSESSMENT OF WORD MEANING

Directions: As your teacher reads each set of sentences, listen for the boldfaced word and clues to its possible meaning.

1. King Arthur had **dominion** over England, and Sir Launcelot had power over France. Each of these men ruled over a mighty nation. Possible Meaning:

2. It was **incumbent** upon Launcelot to fight King Arthur, whether he wanted to or not. Honor forced him to take up arms against his liege. Possible Meaning:

3. Launcelot wanted **redress** for the insults that King Arthur's men had paid him. He felt that he had the right to repay the men for their rude behavior. Possible Meaning:

4. Modred was not the rightful king; when Arthur was away, however, Modred decided to **usurp** Arthur's throne and rule England in his father's place. Possible Meaning:

5. Modred tried to capture Queen Gwynevere by **guile**. She was not fooled by his deceitful lies, though, and she refused to surrender. Possible Meaning:
