

# Media Literacy: Legends Over Time

## CLOSE VIEWING

The way an actor portrays his or her character can indicate to the audience whether a film takes an idealistic or realistic approach to a traditional legend.

**Directions:** As you watch the clips, pay attention to the two actresses’ portrayals of Guinevere. Using the filmmaking elements listed in the first column of the chart, describe each portrayal of the legendary queen. Then answer the following questions.

Elements of Filmmaking	Guinevere in <i>Camelot</i>	Guinevere in <i>King Arthur</i>
<i>Facial expressions</i>		
<i>Body language</i>		
<i>Costumes and makeup</i>		

What was your impression of Guinevere in *Camelot*? in *King Arthur*?

What do the details in the chart tell you about Guinevere and Arthur’s relationship?