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ENGLISH 310 Spring 2010: The Arthurian Tradition

Clarity Quiz I. This quiz MUST be completed or you will be counted absent for Thursday Jan. 28. Turn it in at the beginning of class on Thursday Jan. 28. You may use your books, notes, and the class slideshows as references if you need them. You MAY NOT COLLABORATE with anyone else to complete this quiz. You can write on this sheet or write/type your answers on an additional sheet if you need more space.

I. Historically, in which areas of Britain do the earliest stories of Arthur arise from? Why are those areas significant in terms of British history?

II. Identify at least three major differences between the early British/Latin traditions of the Arthurian story and the early Welsh traditions.

III. In your opinion, what is the strongest historical evidence for the existence of an Arthur figure?

IV. Which of Bonnie Wheeler's four categories of Arthurian narrative are most present in Geoffrey of Monmouth's *Historia*? Show your evidence.

V. Why is the court of Henry II of England so important to the Arthurian story?

VI. Can you identify these elements?

a. **First time Arthur is called "Arthur"**

b. **First time Arthur is called a king**

c. **First appearance of his wife**

d. **First appearance of the Round Table**

e. **First mention of Arthur's death**

When you have finished the quiz, look at the questions that gave you the most trouble, and go back over and reinforce your reading and notes on these areas. They will be important as we go forward in our study of the Arthurian tradition.