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In the Time of the Knights

Directions: Read the play *The Sword in the Stone* and watch the video “In the Time of the Knights.” Then answer the questions below, using information and details from both the play and the video. The video time markers will guide you to the places in the video that the questions are about.

Video Time Marker	Questions
0:41-0:56	<p>1. The play is about King Arthur’s early life. What do you learn about King Arthur in the video that’s not in the play?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
1:24	<p>2. When were the Middle Ages? In what year does the play start?</p> <hr/> <hr/>
1:41-2:06	<p>3. Reread the end of Scene 1, starting with Sir Wallace’s line “Soon every nobleman in the kingdom will be fighting to become king.” What do you learn from the video that helps you understand this part of the play?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
2:06-2:39	<p>4. In Scene 2, the Archbishop says, “Merlin, you are a burst of light in these dark times.” Based on what you see in the video, why does he call the time period “dark times”?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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5. According to the video, why did people in the Middle Ages like stories about knights?

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6. What do you learn from the video about tournaments, melees, and jousts? Why are these events important in the play?

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7. What qualities were important for knights to have?

Conclusion: Based on what you saw in the video, why do you think people in the Middle Ages enjoyed the story of *The Sword in the Stone*? Give at least two reasons in your answer. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.
