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In the days before most men could read and write long stories were passed on by word of mouth from generation to generation. The listeners were eager to hear about the adventures of an early hero who defended his people. Usually this hero was not really dead but only asleep, and if he was needed he would awake and lead his people again.

Legends of the past rarely die out. One such British legend, stretching from the dim beginnings of history to the present, concerns a Celtic chieftain named Arthur who held his people together and fought off evil invaders. In fact the Celtic people were defeated by the invaders and pushed out of their motherland.

During the long centuries of exile, Celtic poets told stories about Arthur. “Arthur is not dead; our dream will come true. We shall drive the enemies away”. Over and over, the heart-warming story was told with a line added here and an incident changed there until a legend had developed. But the Celts never realized their dream, and the story died down with time.

In the Middle Ages a monk wrote down in Latin a version of the old story as he had heard it, changing parts to fix his own ideas. Within the next few centuries, the legend gained popularity again, but the old Celtic bards would hardly have recognized their masterpiece. In the hands of the lords, ladies and monks Arthur got a crown, a queen, a castle and a Round Table. This was the price the story had to pay to remain popular.

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		True	False	Not stated
1	In ancient times people liked to listen to stories about the adventures of early heroes	+		
2	It was common belief that heroes did not die but only fell asleep	+		
3	Arthur was a hero whose army managed to defeat the invaders		+	
4	The Celtic people had to live in exile	+		
5	The legends about Arthur were told in order to preserve the Celtic people as a nation			+
6	After a while the Celtic people got their land back		+	
7	In the Middle Ages the story about Arthur was translated into Latin	+		
8	The story was translated without any changes		+	
9	The legend became very popular because it was in Latin			+
10	Arthur was a king only in the legend	+		