Sir Gawain and the Green Knight follows a classic ________________________ formula, with a knight receiving a challenge, going out on a journey to meet that challenge, and returning home to report on his ________________________ (same word).

At ________________________ (season), a knight who is completely ________________________ (color) rides into King Arthur's hall. The Green Knight proposes a ________________________: Any knight brave enough to strike off the Green Knight's ________________________ (body part) may keep the Green Knight's ________________________ (weapon), but that man must accept a return stroke in ________________________ (period of time). Gawain accepts the challenge and cuts off the Green Knight's ________________________ (same body part). The knight picks up his severed ________________________ (same body part) and leaves, telling Gawain to look for the ________________________ (place).

Near the end of the allotted ________________________ (period of time), Gawain sets out in search of the ________________________ (place). He finds a ________________________ (architectural structure) in the wilderness. The ________________________ (person) asks Gawain to stay until ________________________ (day), because the ________________________ (place) is nearby. The lord proposes an agreement: He will go out ________________________, while Gawain ________________________, and the two men will ________________________ at the end of the day.

The game takes place over ________________________ (number) days. Each day, the lord goes out ________________________, while the lady of the castle tries to ________________________. Gawain politely ________________________ her ________________________, although he does give her some ________________________. Finally, she offers him a ________________________ that will protect the ________________________ of any man who wears it. Gawain repays the lord his lady's
Gawain keeps his appointment at the ________________________ (place). The Green Knight raises his ________________________ to cut off Gawain's ________________________, but ________________________ (number of times) he draws back. The ________________________ time, the Green Knight ________________________ Gawain on the ________________________. The Green Knight reveals that he was Gawain's ________________________ and that his appearance as the Knight was made possible by ________________________ (person).

1. Explain the parallel between the relationship between the Knights’ actions here at the end of the story and Gawain’s own experience of the game.

2. How does Gawain respond to this explanation? What does he do with the girdle?

3. Back at Camelot, how do the other knights respond to Gawain’s choice with the girdle?

4. The pentangle corresponds to five ________________________ worthy of a knight: friendship, generosity, chastity, courtesy, and piety. (Learn these.)

5. What is the primary symbolism of the number 3? Give three instances of the number in the text.

6. What are two important symbolisms of the color green?
7. Name two uses in the text of the color red.

8. Explain the changes in Gawain’s “hunt” based on the choices of the deer, the boar, and the fox. How does the parallel work?

9. What is the purpose of the story? What lesson does it impart?

10. How is the character of Gawain similar to Beowulf? How is he different?

11. How is the world of Sir Gawain different from the world of Beowulf?