

Summary

Shrek is about to become the successor of the throne due to the death of Fiona's father, the king of Far Far Away. Shrek tries to find the only legitimate heir, Artie, and goes on a journey with his friends Donkey and Puss in Boots but before he leaves, his wife Fiona has good news. While Shrek is away, Prince Charming finds out that the king passed away and tries to become the new king himself.

New characters

Arthur Pendragon also known as Artie: He is the 16-year old nephew of King Harold and Queen Lillian, Fiona's parents. He attends an academy school in Worcestershire until Shrek tells him about him becoming the new king of Far Far Away - it is a long way until there and he faces great adventures.

Merlin: He is a former and now retired professor of Artie. Merlin is a little bit crazy after his nervous breakdown which was the reason for his retirement. Due to his craziness, his magic spells usually go wrong. Still he tries all he can to help Artie and Shrek.

Cinderella: She is a friend of Fiona and is obsessed with cleanliness. Together with Fiona, Queen Lillian and the other princesses she got caught by Prince charming and his villains of the fairytales.

(Sleeping) Beauty: She is also a friend of Princess Fiona. She often falls asleep without any particular reason.

Rapunzel: She is Prince Charming's company and wants him to be King.

Answer the questions

1. Who sits around the table with Pinocchio and Gingerbread Man when Prince Charming enters?
2. Who is bewitched in the movie and how can we see that?
3. Why can't Shrek, Donkey, Puss in Boots and Artie not go back home by ship?
4. How does Shrek react when he finds out that Fiona is pregnant?
5. What are the captured princesses planning to do?
6. Which action taken by Queen Lillian is Fiona amazed about?
7. What is Artie's vision that is caused by Merlin about?
8. What does Shrek do to the boat he is supposed to inaugurate?
9. How does Pinocchio try to avoid lying to Prince Charming when he interrogates him about Shrek?
10. Where do Shrek and Fiona raise their babies?

Useful vocabulary

Read through the following words and ask your teacher for the meanings if necessary.

Successor - Heir - Gingerbread - Spell bound - Villain - Rightful - Evil forces
Kingdom - Handsome - Pitter-patter - Mascot - Royalty

Discussion topics:

- The scene in which Shrek sees Artie for the first time he mistakes him for someone else. In fact, Artie is not the boy on the horse and he is definitely not the kind of person Shrek expects. What does this scene tell us about Artie's real role in his school, what kind of person is he?
- What do we find out about Merlin? Who is he and how does the visit of the 3 friends and Artie change his life? Discuss the difference in his personality before and after the visit.
- Although some of the princesses seem to be quite girly at the beginning of the movie, they, together with the Queen, decide to fight against Prince Charming. Do you think it is realistic that women try to fight on their own and that they can achieve the same as men can?

Essay writing

Imagine you are Artie, the new king of Far Far Away. You are giving your first speech after becoming the king and you try to include as many adventures you experienced on your way to be the king.

Fiona just told Shrek that he is going to be a father when he is leaving on the ship to look for Artie. His immediate answer is: "That's great!" but he does not look like he means it. What does he really think in that moment? Write an inner monologue of his thoughts.

What would you have said to Artie in order to convince him to become the new king of Far Far Away? Write a convincing speech.