Mr. Valentine's 12th Grade English – Second Week of Gawain - Study Guide

*Answers to the following questions may be found in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.*

1. What game does Lord Bertilak propose for the three days prior to New Years?

2. Lady Bertilak is very beautiful and will be spending much time with Gawain. What aspect of Gawain's chivalry will be tested over the course of the three days in the castle?

3. Juxtaposition is when two things are positioned next to each-other to create meaning. How are Lord Bertilak's hunts similar to Gawain's experiences in the castle?

4. What does Gawain give to Lord Bertilak at the end of each day's game?

5. How does Lady Bertilak make the third day's test more difficult for Gawain?

6. What gift does Gawain accept from Lady Bertilak on the third day, and how might he be at fault for accepting this gift?

7. What name does the author use to refer to the fox hunted on the third day, and why?

8. What is the Green Chapel, really?

9. What are the results of each swing of the axe? What do they stand for?

10. Who is the Green Knight?

11. Who planned / orchestrated the Green Knight’s plot / game?