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King Uther ..... Igraine and they had a ..... called Arthur.

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## 2. How King Arthur became King of England ...

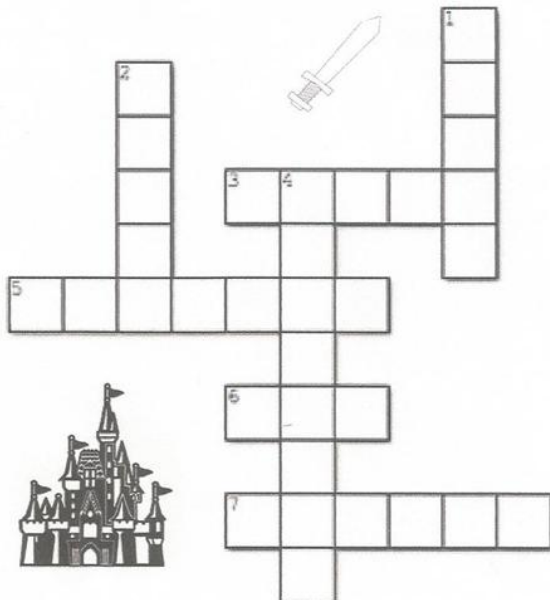


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Read the definitions and complete the crossword:



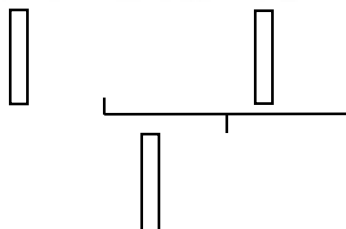
### Down

1. Whoever pulls it becomes King of Britain
2. Arthur's adoptive father
4. Uther's castle

### Across

3. Arthur's father
5. Arthur's mother
6. Ector's son
7. Uther's wizard

Complete Arthur's family tree :



### 3. Arthur, the successful king ...

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### 4. Arthur is lied to ...

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