

Quotes about King Arthur

Henry of Huntingdon, *Historia Anglorum*, 1154

'The valiant Arthur, who was at that time the commander of the soldiers and kings of Britain, fought against [the invaders] invincibly. Twelve times he led in battle. Twelve times was he victorious in battle. The twelfth and hardest battle that Arthur fought against the Saxons was on Mount Badon, where 440 of his men died in the attack that day, and no Briton stayed to support him, the Lord alone strengthening him.'



Gerald of Wales, *De principis instructione*, 1193

'The memory of King Arthur, that most renowned King of the Britons, will endure for ever...'

Peter Langtoft, *Langtoft Chronicles*, 1307

'In ancient histories we find written,
What kings and what kingdoms King Arthur conquered,
And how he shared largely his gain.
There was not a king under him who contradicted him,
Earl, duke or baron, who ever failed him
In war or in battle, but each followed him.'

Unknown author, *The Annales Cambriae*, AD 447–954

'516 – The Battle of Badon, in which Arthur carried the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ for three days and three nights on his shoulders and the Britons were the victors.'

Geoffrey of Monmouth, *Historia regum Britanniae*, 1136

'It is of this Arthur that the Britons fondly tell so many fables, even to the present day; a man worthy to be celebrated, not by idle fictions, but by authentic history. He long upheld the sinking state, and roused the broken spirit of his countrymen to war.'

Layamon, *Brut*, 1190

'They would send messengers over sea into Brittany, after the best of all youth that was in the world's realm in those days, named Arthur the strong, the best of all knights; and say that he should come soon to his kingdom; for dead was he Uther Pendragon.'