

Capstone Readings for February 2
beginning on page 351, "Eddard," and ending on page 409, "Bran"

"Eddard" p. 351

1. In this chapter, King Robert is contemplating the murder of Daenerys Targaryen. What arguments does he make in favor of murder?
2. How does Ned counter these arguments?
3. What methods of murder do Robert and his advisors consider?

"Catelyn" p. 359

1. Note that on the first page of this chapter, Martin writes that Catelyn "felt as though her heart had turned to stone" (359). This is important foreshadowing!
2. On page 362, a monument called "Alyssa's Tears" is described. Remember it! We'll get the story behind it soon.
3. In this chapter, Catelyn arrives at the Vale of Arryn. How does she find her sister Lysa to have changed?
4. Describe the Ayrie and the reasons it is said to be impenetrable
5. Describe young Lord Robert Arryn.

"Eddard" p. 378

1. In this chapter, Ned visits Littlefinger's brothel. Why?
2. What does he learn in the brothel about King Robert?
3. Who attacks Ned and his men as they return?

"Daenerys" p. 384

1. Describe Dothraki warrior culture. Does it include any chivalric elements?
2. Viserys is called the "Cart King" on page 386. Why? Those who have taken a medieval course with me may be reminded of a particular romance!
3. Viserys believes he has sold Daenerys. Khal Drogo has other ideas, though. How does he view the marriage to Daenerys? See page 388.
4. Why does Jorah Mormont hate Ned Stark?
5. When Daenerys asks Viserys to dinner and offers him gifts of clothing, why is he offended?

"Bran" p. 396

1. When Robb learns that his father's men have been killed by Lannisters in King's Landing, how does he react? See especially page 400.
2. When Bran is attacked by Wildlings, how is he saved?

