

Capstone Readings for February 9

A Game of Thrones pages 462-551

“Eddard” page 462

This chapter opens up with Ned holding court, hearing the requests of the smallfolk.

1. Why is Ned holding court? (Where is Robert?)
2. What kinds of complaints do the commoners have?
3. In council, Ned learns that someone (Gregor Clegane and his men) has been menacing the trident. Edmure Tully, Catelyn’s brother, wants vengeance and seeks the crown’s permission. How does Ned respond to this request?
4. Who requests the quest to exact vengeance on Clegane?
5. Whom does Ned choose for this quest?

“Sansa” page 472

1. How does Sansa feel about her father’s choice for this quest?
2. Where does Sansa get most of her information about knighthood and chivalry?
3. How does Sansa react when her father tells her she must return to Winterfell?
4. In contrast, how does Arya react to this news? In addition to the fact that she wants to go home, what else might motivate her reaction?

“Eddard” page 480

1. In this chapter, Ned has a conversation with Cersei. What critical information is revealed in this conversation?

“Daenerys” page 489

1. Why does Daenerys eat the raw heart of a stallion?
2. Viserys shows up drunk with a blade. Why are blades forbidden?
3. When Viserys threatens Daenerys, what does Khal Drogo do?

“Eddard” page 501

1. Eddard is summoned to Robert’s chambers. What has happened to Robert?
2. What last request does Robert make concerning Daenerys?
3. What other last request does he make of Ned?
4. What does Ned determine must be done about Joffrey?

“Jon” page 515

1. In this chapter, Jon takes the vows of the Night’s Watch. Describe the vows and what is expected of those who take them.
2. What assignment is Jon given?
3. How does Samwell try to make Jon feel better about this assignment?
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“Eddard” page 523

1. What happens when Ned goes before the council and requests to become Protector of the Realm, as Robert had requested?
2. Whom does Ned claim to be the true heir to the throne?
3. What happens to him as a result of this declaration?

“Arya” page 530

1. While practicing with Illyrio, Lannister guardsmen show up. What happens next?
2. What does Arya do when a stable boy tries to capture her and take her to the queen?

“Sansa” page 542

1. How does Sansa respond when told by Cersei that her father is a traitor?
2. To whom does Sansa compose letters?
3. What is the content of these letters?
4. Whom does Sansa forget to mention in her letters?
5. How does Sansa think Joffrey will respond to her father’s imprisonment?
6. What information has Sansa given Cersei that makes her partly responsible?