

Capstone Readings for January 26
Pages 215-304

“Arya” beginning on page 215

upset about death of Mycah; Ned finds Needle and arranges her to have fighting lessons

1. From Arya’s perspective, we learn that Ned is having a hard time as King’s Hand. What can you glean from this chapter about Ned’s service to King Robert?
2. What does Ned do when he finds Needle?
3. What do we learn has become of Nymeria?

“Daenerys” 226

1. What is the Dothraki Sea?
2. What is a *khaleesi*?

“Bran” p. 236

1. What gift does Tyrion bring to Bran?
2. Note on page 242 how Robb greets Tyrion. Why is Tyrion offended?

“Eddard” p. 250

In this chapter, Ned is trying to find out information about the death of Jon Arryn (the former King’s Hand). He learns that Vaerys has “spiders.” What are spiders?

“Jon” p. 259

In this chapter, Samwell Tarly comes to the Wall.

1. Who is Samwell Tarly, and why has he come to the Wall?
2. In his treatment of Samwell, what is revealed about Jon Snow?
3. Storytelling is an essential part of Martin’s series. What do we learn about Pyp’s stories on page 264?
4. Name the Tarly sword.
5. How does Jon protect Sam from Rast?

“Eddard” p. 272

1. What does Jon learn about the death of Jon Arryn? Who may have killed him, and why?
2. In this chapter’s description of an armory, what do we learn about the significance of arms? See especially page 279.

“Catelyn” p. 283

1. This chapter introduces the singer Marillion. From the description of Marillion, what do we learn about the significance of singers?
2. Whom does Catelyn encounter at the Inn?

“Sansa” 293

1. This chapter describes the Hand’s tourney, told from pov of Sansa. What is her impression of the tournament?
2. What are the rules of the tournament?
3. What is a hedge knight?
4. How does Sansa react when a young knight is killed?
5. How does Sansa seem to define a “true knight”?
6. How does her view contrast with that of Sandor Clegane (the Hound)?