

Capstone Readings for January 28, 2016

beginning with “Eddard” on page 305 through the chapter that begins on page 338, “Arya”

“Eddard” page 305

1. Robert Baratheon wants to fight in the Hand’s tournament. Why is this a bad idea?
2. Look at page 310 where King Robert explains to Ned the reason he married Cersei. What is the reason?
3. Describe the battle between the brothers Clegane. Which of the brothers is more chivalrous?
4. In a comment to Ned, Varys states that there are “those who are loyal to the realm, and those who are loyal only to themselves” (321). Which is Ned? Why does this make him a threat to the Lannisters?
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6. Varys talks to Ned about King Robert’s supporters. According to Varys, who ultimately supports the king?

“Tyrion” page 324

1. In this chapter, Catelyn Stark has taken Tyrion captive. How does Tyrion use wit to protect himself?
2. Who is Marillion?
3. Catelyn initially tells Tyrion that she is taking him to Winterfell. In fact, she is taking him to another place. Where is she taking him? Why does she lie about Winterfell?
4. When they are overtaken by riders, what does Tyrion do?
5. This chapter introduces (I think) the medieval battle cry. What do the various travelers cry out when fighting their attackers?
6. What does Marillion do during the fight?
7. Tyrion gives Catelyn a very good reason why the dagger used in Bran’s assassination attempt was not his. What is that reason?

“Arya” page 338

1. How does Arya use the lessons taught to her by Syrio to escape the guards in King’s Landing?
2. What kind of skulls does she see in the cellar of the Red Keep?
3. In the Red Keep, she overhears a disturbing conversation. Describe this conversation.
4. What does Ned think when Arya tells him what she has overheard?

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