

"le morte d'arthur" by  
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essay sample



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Sir Thomas Mallory wrote the story *Le Morte d'Arthur*, which is a story about medieval times and the day of King Arthur. From those times to the present day, a variety of stories have been crafted. Some examples of these stories (which also could be put in movie or television form) would be like *Excalibur*. In this essay, I will be comparing the differences between *Le Morte d'Arthur* and the movie *Excalibur*. A major difference between *Excalibur* and *Le Morte d'Arthur* is Mordred, Arthur's son. In *Le Morte d'Arthur*, Arthur was more willing to give Mordred land, unlike in the movie *Excalibur*, where Arthur refuses to give his land to Mordred. In *Le Morte d'Arthur*, Arthur was going to give Mordred his land after he had died. But, like I mentioned earlier, in *Excalibur*, Arthur did not want to give land to Mordred at all, even though Mordred was his son. In both versions, though, Arthur and Mordred do fight. In *Excalibur*, there was only one battle in which Arthur attacked Mordred. In *Le Morte d'Arthur*, there were two battles, one of which was an accident. Also, there are two different deaths in both the movie *Excalibur* and *Le Morte d'Arthur*. In *Excalibur*, Mordred runs a spear through Arthur, and in return, Arthur hits Mordred with *Excalibur*. In *Le Morte d'Arthur*, the story changes, it sort of flip-flops. In *Le Morte d'Arthur*, Arthur runs a spear through Mordred, and Mordred in return, hacks Arthur in the head with a mortal blow, which kills him. Finally, I'd like to point out a few more differences between *Le Morte d'Arthur* and *Excalibur*. The people who surrounded Arthur (his knights) in *Le Morte d'Arthur* were different from the people in *Excalibur*. First of all, in *Excalibur*, only one knight survives to return to Arthur, while in *Le Morte d'Arthur*, two knights survive to return to Arthur. Also, in *Le Morte d'Arthur*, Sir Bedivere throws *Excalibur* into the lake, while in *Excalibur*; Sir

Percival throws Excalibur into the lake. In conclusion, there are similarities between Le Mort d'Arthur and Excalibur, but there is a great deal of differences between both stories. If you look at the stories and really think about it, all it is are branches off of the original story, Le Mort d'Arthur. Overall, the major differences between Le Mort d'Arthur and Excalibur were the conflicts between Arthur and his son Mordred, and the people who surrounded Arthur.