English 3 AMDG

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In-Class Analysis: *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*

Assignment: Using one of the passages and prompts below, create a thesis response, and find at least two additional passages *which you will analyze to support your point*.

Format: Thesis/statement of position and one detailed, analytical body paragraph with parenthetical citations (you should have at least two quotes from your chosen passages) and an MLA header. *You do not need a Works Cited*.

Passages/Prompts:

1. ii.656-661. Based on comparisons to your other passages, how well does Gawain truly represent the virtues of the pentangle? Is he unendingly virtuous? What must he improve about himself in order to prove his true virtue and reputation?
2. ii.748-762. The poet writes much about both faith and magic. Using this passage - and two more to compare - as a guide, determine whether Gawain’s faith is truly pure and sincere, or if he sees faith more as a superstition. Does his attitude toward God and faith affect the way he approaches the battle with the Green Knight? His issues in Bertilak’s manor?
3. *If you have read Fitt iv*: ii.491-538. The narrator spends much of the poem describing time, and its passage. Why is time valuable? Why is it something that Arthur and his knights should be aware of? What lesson do the passages about time communicate?

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