**Merlin and the Dragons- by Jane Yolen Page 965**

**It is important to notice that the story “Merlin and the Dragons” has a unique structure. This is a story within a story. The story at beginning is known as the frame story. The story that starts later in the text is known as the story within a story.**

1. **Who are the main characters in the frame story?**
2. **Who are the main characters in the story within as story?**
3. **On what page does the story within a story start?**
4. **On what page does the story within as story end?**

**Frame story:**

1. **How did Arthur become King?**
2. **Why does Merlin decide to tell Arthur a story?**

**Story within a story:**

1. **Why do the boys and their parents call Emrys “the demon´s son?”**
2. **Do you think King Vortigern was a good king or a bad king? Why?**
3. **Why does King Vortigern decide not to kill Emrys?**
4. **What does Emrys see that shakes the ground and causes Vortigern´s tower to fall?**
5. **What do we learn about Emrys´s dreams on page 972-973?**
6. **What does the battle of the dragons foreshadow?**
7. **What happens to Vortigern at the end of the story?**

**Frame story:**

1. **What do we learn about Arthur´s father at the end of the story?**
2. **What do we learn about Merlin at the end of the story?**
3. **What is the theme of this story?**

**Use the Venn Diagram below to compare and contrast Arthur and Emrys.**

