The Unicorn Hunt from the Legends of Arthur

QUESTIONS: Explain your answer clearly.

1. Show how the boys’ temperaments differ from one another.
2. The Unicorn is a symbol. Hypothesize what it could symbolize using examples.
3. Give some instances of the boys’ cruelty. Why do they not know they are being cruel?
4. What does this tell us about a person’s childhood?
5. Contrast the Orkney boys with young King Arthur. How would he have handled the situation differently?
6. What does the difference between the dialect of the boys and the kitchenmaid show us? Also describe their treatment of the girl.
7. Explain how the boys’ ages and/or birth order play a role in their characterizations.
8. What is childish about the boys? What is mature? Do any of the boys mature throughout the story? How?
9. Misogyny is a hatred of women. Explain how Agravaine displays this tendency.
10. Hypothesize as to the root of this problem.
11. List some examples of figurative language used to describe the unicorn.
12. One brother seems to hate the unicorn. Identify him, and hypothesize as to why this is.
13. How is Gareth’s approach to the unicorn unique?
14. What are some of Agravaine’s psychopathic tendencies?
15. As the boys attempt to get the carcass of the unicorn home, what is happening symbolically?