

# Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott

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## READ

### Parent

**Preview** chapter ten or read a summary using <http://www.bookrags.com/notes/ih/PART10.htm>.

### Student

**Read** chapter 10 of Ivanhoe. Write any words you do not understand in your Literature Journal. Write down any place locations (ex. Sheffield) and note any additional descriptions the author includes (such as between the valley or near the field). Write down each character as he/she appears in the story. Make note of any characteristics the author includes (Lord/Lady), place of birth (native of these parts, France), as well as occupations (Abbot, palmer, prior) and physical descriptions (tall, short, dark, light).

## LEARN

**Lookup and define** the following vocabulary/terms:

moiety      pursuivants      necromancers      cabalists

## DISCOVER

Scott returns to his usual delight, describing the customs and accoutrements of medieval life in Chapter 10. Gurth leaves to pay Issac for his support of his master in the tournament. **Lookup on the internet or in another source** (library book or encyclopedia) to learn more about **Medieval towns and villages**.

## SHARE

**Summarize** this chapter either orally (tell someone what you read) or in writing. Try to include as many important details as possible.

## COPYWORK/DICTATION

"We must now change the scene to the village of Ashby, or rather to a country house in its vicinity belonging to a wealthy Israelite, with whom Isaac, his daughter, and retinue, had taken up their quarters; the Jews, it is

well known, being as liberal in exercising the duties of hospitality and charity among their own people, as they were alleged to be reluctant and churlish in extending them to those whom they termed Gentiles, and whose treatment of them certainly merited little hospitality at their hand."

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"He remembered, moreover, that he was in the house of a Jew, a people who, besides the other unamiable qualities which popular report ascribed to them, were supposed to be profound necromancers and cabalists. Nevertheless, after a moment's pause, he obeyed the beckoning summons of the apparition, and followed her into the apartment which she indicated, where he found to his joyful surprise that his fair guide was the beautiful Jewess whom he had seen at the tournament, and a short time in her father's apartment."

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (answers will vary)**

*Chapter 10 once again shows us how prejudice the Saxon and Normans were towards the Jews.*

- Q. Why does Sir Walter Scott spend so much time showing us how medieval people treated one another? Some times authors will dwell on a specific issue to draw attention to a persistent problem in society as a whole. Do you think prejudice against the Jews or other groups of people existed during Scott's lifetime?
- A. It is apparent from reading Ivanhoe that Sir Walter Scott felt keenly about this subject. More than likely he observed the segregation of the classes during his lifetime and wanted to write social commentary about it.

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