

## Summer Reading 2019

For students entering grade: 7

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Work to be completed by and submitted on August 16, 2019

Title: *The Hobbit*

Author: J.R.R. Tolkien

**Assessment:** For this assignment, students will create a reading journal that allows them to make personal connections to the novel. To design the journal, students will assemble lined or unlined paper in a cover. The cover can be a simple 12" x 18" piece of construction paper folded in half, or it can be made more sophisticated by using a regular report cover found in office supply stores. The cover may have a picture or design, or simply a title. The student's name must be on the cover.

The purpose of the journal is to record reactions, feelings, ideas, observations, and questions that come up as students read the novel. Students are also encouraged to copy favorite sentences or key passages. Creativity and originality are expected.

Additionally, students are asked to include the following in their journals:

- Chapter 1 - Draw a picture of Bilbo Baggins using Tolkien's description of him in this chapter.
- Chapter 2 - Discuss the trolls. What kind of characters are they? How did Bilbo know they were trolls?
- Chapter 3 - Analyze the character of Elrond and explain his importance to the story.
- Chapter 4 - Draw a map of the mountain path. Explain why this part of the journey can be dangerous.
- Chapter 5 - Create your own riddle about one of the characters in the novel. (Be sure to include the solution!)
- Chapter 6 - Provide a detailed explanation as to how the party managed to escape the Wargs, the evil wolves.
- Chapter 7 - Summarize four major details you learned about Beorn.
- Chapter 8 - In your opinion, is the Mirkwood evil? Explain your response in a well-developed paragraph.
- Chapter 9 - Draw a picture of the Elvenking's gates.
- Chapter 10 - Write a journal entry from Bilbo's point of view explaining his unhappiness at this point in the journey.

- Chapter 11 - Describe the feelings of the party as they near the end of their journey.
- Chapter 12 - Draw a picture of Smaug.
- Chapter 13 - Analyze the quote: "Mr. Baggins kept his head more clear of the bewitchment of the hoard than the dwarves did."
- Chapter 14 - Describe what kind of leader was the master of Esgaroth.
- Chapter 15 - Compare Bilbo's feelings toward the treasure and the dragon's lair to that of Thorin and the dwarves.
- Chapter 16 - Draw a picture of the Arkenstone.
- Chapter 17 - Create a contract describing the terms of Thorin's and Bard's agreement.
- Chapter 18 - Create an alternative ending for this chapter.
- Chapter 19 - Analyze what Gandolf meant when he said, "You are not the hobbit that you were."

Accelerated Reader: Students may choose, but are not required, to take an accelerated reader test on *The Hobbit* upon their return to school in August.