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The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
10th - 12th Grade Summer Reading Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences and be ready to turn them in on the first day of school.

Introduction:

1. What are runes?
2. Explain the difference between a goblin and a hobgoblin.

Chapter 1:

1. What does Gandalf do to Bilbo's door and who begins to arrive at Bilbo's house the next day?
2. Why does Gandalf choose Bilbo to be a part of this adventure?

Chapter 2:

1. What happens to the dwarves as they come to Bilbo's aid?
2. How does Gandalf use his powers?

Chapter 3:

1. What makes the swords so important in the story?
2. Why is it important that Bilbo's sword is unnamed?

Chapter 4:

1. Who came to the rescue of the dwarves and what weapon did they use?
2. What happens to Bilbo at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 5:

1. Who is Gollum and where does he live?
2. Explain the power of Gollum's ring.
3. How did Bilbo escape Gollum?

4. What two things did Bilbo learn from Gollum?

Chapter 6:

1. How did Gandalf get the Wargs to leave?
2. Why does Bilbo lie? Why does Gandalf not say anything?

Chapter 7:

1. After the Eagles safely took the party east of the mountain, why does Gandalf plan to leave them?
2. What information did Beorn glean in his travels to the wolf-glade?

Chapter 8:

1. Why did Bilbo and the dwarves stray from the path?
2. What secret did Bilbo tell?

Chapter 9:

1. What was Bilbo's plan? What was the fault in the plan?
2. What did the elves' song give to Bilbo?

Chapter 10:

1. What were the two reasons the Master was glad to see the dwarves go? What help did he give them?
2. Why was Bilbo so unhappy?

Chapter 11:

1. Explain how Bilbo begins to take a leadership role in their quest.
2. How does Bilbo finally unlock the riddle and the secret door?

Chapter 12:

1. What took away Bilbo's breath?
2. How did the band of adventurers become trapped in the Mountain?

Chapter 13:

1. What does Bilbo confiscate from the mound of treasure?
2. What helps the dwarves to become more bold and determined?

Chapter 14:

1. What had Smaug done to the lake town of Esgaroth?
2. What important role does the thrush play in the demise of the dragon?

Chapter 15:

1. Who is Roac and what news does he bring to the dwarves?
2. What conditions did Thorin insist on before he would negotiate any terms of settlement with the Bard?

Chapter 16:

1. Who was the “thief in then night”?
2. How does Bilbo get out? Who is on guard?

Chapter 17:

1. What is the “gleam in the doom” and how does it turn the tide of the battle?
2. What happened to Bilbo?

Chapter 18:

1. What happened to Thorin? Why did he want to talk to Bilbo?
2. Who became King under the Mountain?

Chapter 19:

1. Where had Gandalf gone when he’d left Bilbo and the dwarves?
2. Gandalf tells Bilbo he is not the hobbit he once used to be. Do you agree or disagree? Defend your response.
3. How does Bilbo still make use of his magic ring?