

The Hobbit
Study Guide
English 7

Name _____

The following questions are intended to help you prepare for the upcoming test.

Character identification *Briefly identify and describe each of the following characters.*

Elrond

Sting

Dain

Gollum

Beorn

Necromancer

Gandalf

Belladonna Took

Thorin

Smaug

Chapter 1: An Unexpected Party

1. Identify each of the following places described in this chapter.

The Hill-

The Water-

The Mountain-



2. What do Hobbits usually look like?
3. Define "Tookish"
4. What does Bilbo Baggins remember from his childhood about Gandalf?
5. What does the "queer" sign Gandalf scratches on Bilbo's door indicate to the dwarves?
6. How many dwarves arrive at Bilbo's home?
7. How does Bilbo tell them apart?

Chapter 2: Roast Mutton

1. How does Bilbo manage to sneak up on the trolls?
2. Why does Bilbo decide to try to pick the trolls' pockets?

Chapter 3: A Short Rest

1. Briefly identify each of these places from this chapter.
 - a) The Last Homely House -
 - b) Rivendell -
 - c) Misty Mountains -
2. What is the legend about moon-letters and what do they reveal to Elrond?

Chapter 4: Over Hill and Under Hill

1. What are Biter and Beater?
2. How does Gandalf use Beater to escape from the goblins?

Chapter 5: Riddles in the Dark

1. What are the rules Bilbo and Gollum agree to concerning the riddle contest?
2. Under what conditions can someone wearing the ring be seen?

Chapter 6: Out of the Frying -Pan into the Fire

1. Why do you think Bilbo fails to tell Gandalf and the dwarves about his magic ring?
2. What are Wargs and why are they gathering in the forest clearing?
3. How do the Eagles and Goblins feel about each other?

Chapter 7: Queer Lodgings

1. What is a "skin-changer" and a "Carrock"?
2. Beorn provides the dwarves and Bilbo with ponies, food, water, and arrows. What two things does he warn them to avoid doing while they are crossing Mirkwood?

Chapter 8: Flies and Spiders

1. Why do the dwarves select Bilbo to be the one who climbs the tall tree to look around and try to see the end of the forest?
2. How do the dwarves feel about Bilbo when he comes down from the tree?
3. Why does Bilbo decide to name his sword "Sting"?

4. Why does Bilbo sing songs to the spiders?
5. Why does Thorin refuse to reveal his true mission to the King of the Wood-elves?

Chapter 9: Barrels Out of Bond

1. Why do the dwarves finally agree to Bilbo's escape plan, which includes packing the dwarves in empty wine barrels?

Chapter 10: Warm Welcome

1. Why does the Master decide to help the dwarves continue their quest to recover their treasure?

Chapter 11: On the Doorstep

1. So far in this story Bilbo is a hobbit with great luck and courage. Write about an incident from this chapter that demonstrates that Bilbo also has leadership qualities and good sense.

Chapter 12: Inside Information

1. Why does Bilbo agree to go into the secret passages first, even though he believes he has already earned his share of the treasure by rescuing the dwarves from the spiders and the elves?
2. List three important characteristics about dragons that Bilbo discovers when he decides to talk to Smaug.
3. What important information does Bilbo learn when he flatters Smaug?
4. What is the Arkenstone of Thrain?

Chapter 13: Not at Home

1. Why do you suppose Bilbo hides the Arkenstone in his pocket before the dwarves can see it?
2. What happens to their “dwarfish hearts” when Thorin and the others see the piles of gold and jewels in Smaug’s lair?

Chapter 14: Fire and Water

1. How does Bard manage to slay the dragon?
2. Besides the Elvenking, who else learns of Smaug’s death and might be interested in the treasure?

Chapter 15: The Gathering of the Clouds

1. What piece of wise advice does Roac, the ancient raven, have for Thorin?
2. Briefly list the reasons Bard thinks his people deserve part of the treasure.

Chapter 16: A Thief in the Night

1. In what way is Bilbo trying to help “everyone concerned,” including himself, by giving Bard the Arkenstone?

Chapter 17: The Clouds Burst

1. List the participants in the Battle of the Five Armies?

Chapter 18: The Return Journey

1. How does Bilbo’s magic ring both help and hurt him in the Battle of the Five Armies?
2. In the end what is Bilbo’s reward for helping the dwarves regain their mountain?

Chapter 19: The Last Stage

1. How is Bilbo received by the other Hobbits when he finally returns home?