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Advanced English I Summer Reading 2017  
*The Hobbit*, J.R.R Tolkien

**Overall Goal:**

The overall goal of the high school summer reading program is to provide a venue for students to engage in academic and intellectual pursuits during the summer that have multiple positive benefits for the students including vocabulary enrichment, critical thinking opportunities, and valuable reading and writing experience.

**Directions:**

Advanced English I students will read the novel *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien. Students are to answer the Study Guide Questions for *The Hobbit*. I am looking for thoughtful, thorough answers. Students should do their own work - Cliff Notes, Spark Notes, Gradesaver, etc., should not be used. I would rather see an incorrect answer that is the student's original work, than a correct answer copied from the internet, a book or a friend - who really wants to cheat???

**Summer Reading Objectives:**

A thorough and thoughtful completion of the study guide during the summer, as well as class discussion and other assignments on the selection the first two/three weeks of school, will prepare students for the following assignments:

**Grades on *The Hobbit* Unit:**

Study Guide - Quiz Grade

Paper Assignment - compare/contrast essay - test grade

## *The Hobbit* Summer Reading Questions

### **Part I:**

Answer these questions on notebook paper. Not all questions will require full sentences. These are the notes you will take as you read in order to be prepared for a test/essay assignment about this book during the month of August. Please staple your papers to this sheet. **This will be turned in the first full day of school for a quiz grade.**

### **Chap. 1**

1. In what month does the tale begin?
2. What is noteworthy about the Took side of Bilbo's family?
3. What does Gandalf do to Bilbo's front door?
4. Who is the most important dwarf?
5. How many dwarves come to Bilbo's house?
6. Gandalf has chosen Bilbo for the adventure to perform what role?
7. Who has made the map? What does the map come with?
8. What is the Dragon's name?

### **Chap. 2**

1. Where is the note left for Bilbo? What does it say?
2. What challenges face the crew on the first night?
3. What is a hobbit's special talent in traveling?
4. Who is sitting around the fire? How many are there? What are they doing?
5. What are the names of the creatures?
6. What does Bilbo do to fulfill part of his mission as a burglar?
7. What do the trolls catch the dwarves with?
8. Whose voice tricks the trolls?

9. What turns the trolls to stone?
10. What do the crew find inside the trolls' cave?

### **Chap 3: A Short Rest**

\*\*\*noteworthy: Bilbo's exhausted after traveling. Asks "Is that the mountain?"  
Balin says, "Of course not. that is only the beginning of the misty mountains....then lays out all that they have to still get through to even begin to get to the mountain.

"Bilbo felt more tired than he ever remembered feeling before. He was thinking once again of his comfortable chair before the fire in his favourite sitting room in his hobbit hole, and of the kettle singing. Not for the last time!"

1. Where do the elves live?
2. Where does Elrond live?
3. Who finds the white stones/navigates?
4. How long does the expedition stay at The Last Homely Home?
5. What does Elrond see as he holds the map up to the light?
6. Who is Durin?

### **Chap 4: Over Hill and Under Hill**

\*\*\* Most of the paths (into the mountains) were "cheats and deceptions and led nowhere or to bad ends; and most of the passes were infested by evil things and dreadful dangers."

"The dwarves and the hobbit, helped by the wise advice of Elrond and the knowledge and memory of Gandalf, took the right road to the right pass."

1. Inside the cave, what provides light?
2. What has happened as Bilbo starts awaken?
3. What do the goblins call Orcrist?

4. What do the Goblins call Glamdring the Foe-Hammer?
5. How does Bilbo travel on the hasty retreat from the cave?

### **Ch 5 Riddles in the Dark**

1. What is “the turning point in [Bilbo’s] career” and he doesn’t “even know it”?
2. What does B do with ring?
3. Where does Gollum live?
4. What is the prize to Gollum if Bilbo doesn’t answer the riddle correctly? What is the prize to Bilbo if Gollum doesn’t answer correctly? What is the impossible riddle for Gollum to guess?
5. What does Bilbo do immediately after he wins against Gollum in the riddle game?
6. How does Gollum first get the ring?
7. What is an ability of the ring?
8. As Gollum is guarding the way out of the cave, why does Bilbo not kill him?

### **Chap 6: Out of the Frying-Pan, Into the Fire**

1. What befalls the group in this chapter? How do they survive?

\*\*\*VOCAB EYRIE (an eagle’s eyrie) seems to mean nest or lair

### **Chap. 7: Queer Lodgings**

1. How does Gandalf get the entire group in Beorn’s house?
2. What type of creature is Beorn? What happens to him at night?
3. What important advice does both Beorn and Gandalf give the group as they enter and proceed through the Milkwood Forest?

### **Chap. 8: Flies and Spiders**

1. Who falls into the Black River and why? What enchantment does the river hold?

2. How does the group veer off the pathway?
3. What captures the group and how do they escape?

### **Chap. 9: Barrels Out of Bond**

1. Describe in a paragraph how the group escapes from the Wood-elves.

### **Chap. 10: A Warm Welcome**

1. Once freed from the river, where do the group find themselves?
2. Describe the mood of the people when Thorin announces that he is the grandson of the King under the Mountain Thrór come back.
3. Does the Master honor Thorin and the dwarves?
4. Who Said It: "Certainly, O Thorin Thráins' son, Thrór's son! You must claim your own. The hour is at hand, spoken of old. What help we can offer shall be yours, and we trust to your gratitude when your kingdom is regained."

### **Chap. 11: On the Doorstep**

1. How does Bilbo figure out how to get into the mountain?

### **Chap. 12: Inside Information**

1. Who Said It: "Now is the time for our esteemed Mr. Baggins, who has proved himself a good companion on our long road, and a hobbit full of courage and resource far exceeding his size, and if I may say so possessed of good luck far exceeding the usual allowance--now it's the time for him to perform the service for which he was included in our Company; now is the time for him to earn his reward."
2. What are the riddles that Bilbo uses with the Dragon?
3. When the Dragon rolls over, what does Bilbo discover?

### **Chap. 13: Not At Home**

1. What important piece of treasure does Bilbo find?

### **Chap. 14: Fire And Water**

1. Describe what happens to the Dragon in this chapter. Who kills the Dragon and how? How has the Bard received the helpful information?

### **Chap. 15: The Gathering of the Clouds**

1. How does Thorin receive the Bard?
2. What is the Bard's request and Thorin's response?

### **Chap. 16: A Thief in the Night**

1. Who Said It: "Bilbo Baggins! You are more worthy to wear the armour of elf-princes than many who have looked more comely in it. But I wonder if Thorin Oakenshield will see it so. I have more knowledge of dwarves in general than you have perhaps. I advise you to remain with us, and here you shall be honoured and thrice welcome."
2. What does Bilbo give to the Bard and Elvenking? Why?

### **Chap. 17: THE CLOUDS BURST**

1. What does the Bard use as a bargaining tool with Thorin?
2. What does the Bard and Elvenking want?
3. What was the "battle that none expected" called?
4. What group is the enemy of all?

### **Chap. 18: THE RETURN JOURNEY**

1. How is Bilbo found and where is he taken?
2. Who Said It: "Farewell, good thief. I go now to the halls of waiting to sit beside my fathers, until the world is renewed. Since I leave now all gold and silver, and go where it is of little worth, I wish to part in friendship from you, and I would take back my words and deeds at the Gate."

3. . Summarize briefly what happened in the battle after Bilbo was knocked out. Who saved the day?

4. Of the group, who died and who survived the Battle?

### **Chap. 19: THE LAST STAGE**

1. What is going on when Gandalf and Bilbo return home?

2. Who visits Bilbo?

3. What's the fate of the old master?

### **Part II:**

#### **Choose one of the following movies to watch:**

*The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* (2012), *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* (2013), *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies* (2014)

Take notes while you watch the movie:

1. What similarities to the book's plot line and characters do you see in the film?

2. What differences in plot, characters, etc. are in the movie that do not exist or are changed in the movie?

3. Why do you think these changes have been made by the director/creator of the film? What purpose do they serve to the story?

*Your first paper of the year will be a compare and contrast essay based off the book and the movie. You will only be able to use your book, your summer reading questions, your notes on the film, and your brain! No use of online or other sources is allowed as part of this assignment.*