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Summer Reading 2023 for Freshman English Students

Dear English I Student:

Welcome to English I, where you will read an extensive list of works from all walks of literature and become equipped to write to a variety of prompts. This course will challenge you to move from literal to metaphorical understanding of literature and prepare you for the rest of your high school career.

As a student in English I, **you are expected to complete the summer reading assignment that will be finished prior to the first day of the fall semester of 2023.** You may buy the book or check it out from a library. If you check out the book, please make sure it is the edition we will use in class and know you are responsible for bringing it to class the first few weeks of the fall semester. Please make sure you read all directions carefully.

Reading and Assignments to complete BEFORE the first day of school:

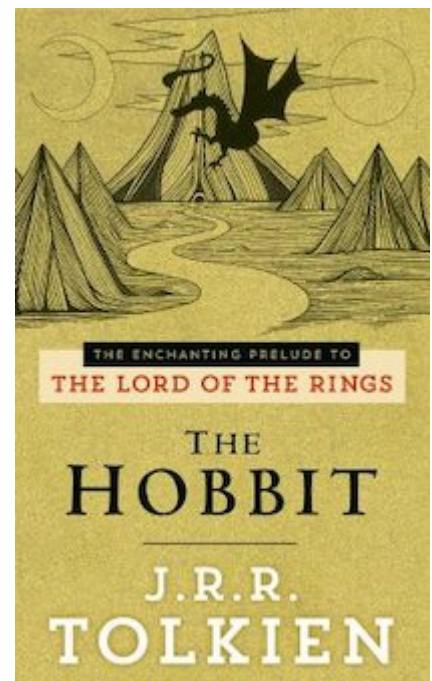
Read *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien. The ISBN number is 978-0-345-33968-3. Please buy this version (pictured right). I want this version for easy textual notations and discussion in class, so everyone is on the same page!

Complete the questions attached to the end of this document.

Please write, not type, your answers to ensure that you are the one who did the work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cruse, Freshman English Teacher



***The Hobbit* Chapter Questions**

*Directions: Answer each question with **complete sentences**.*

Chapter One: An Unexpected Party

1. Who is Bilbo Baggins? Give a brief description of a hobbit. _____

2. What indication is there that Thorin is the leader of the dwarves? _____

3. What does Gandalf threaten to do if the assembled dwarves refuse to accept his choice of Bilbo Baggins as the fourteenth man for their expedition? _____

Chapter Two: Roast Mutton

1. What indication is there in the note left by Thorin and Company that the adventure or quest may prove to be perilous for Bilbo? _____

2. Explain what happens to the dwarves as they come to Bilbo's aid. _____

3. How does Gandalf use his powers on Bert, Tom, and William? _____

Chapter Three: A Short Rest

1. According to Gandalf, what lay hidden somewhere not too far ahead of the travelers?

2. Who is Elrond? _____

3. Explain moon letters. _____

Chapter Four: Over Hill and Under Hill

1. Explain how the dwarves and the hobbit are able to find their way up the treacherous mountain. _____

2. What does Tolkien mean by a thunder-battle? _____

3. Summarize Bilbo's dream that evening. _____

4. Why are the Great Goblin and many of his soldiers so upset when they see Thorin's sword? _____

5. Who comes to the rescue of the dwarves and what weapon do they use? _____

Chapter Five: Riddles in the Dark

1. Why is Bilbo so frightened when he regains consciousness? _____

2. Who is Gollum, and where does he live? _____

3. Explain the basic rules of the riddle game. _____

4. Explain the power of Gollum's ring. _____

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

1. What do the dwarves want to do when there is no sign of Bilbo? _____

2. Why would the ring not protect Bilbo from the wolves (Wargs)? _____

3. Why do the wolves alert the goblins to the adventurers who are hiding in the trees? ____

Chapter Seven: Queer Lodgings

1. What is Beorn? Why does he shelter thirteen dwarves? _____

2. What is the most important advice that Beorn and Gandalf give about Mirkwood? Do you think this advice will be followed? _____

Chapter Eight: Flies and Spiders

1. What do the dwarves shoot with their bows? _____

2. What does Bilbo name his sword? What does his decision to name his sword reveal about the heroic qualities he is developing? _____

3. How does Bilbo rescue the dwarves? What skills does he use to defeat the spiders? _____

Chapter Nine: Barrels Out of Bound

1. Why, where, and how are the dwarves imprisoned? _____

2. Why wasn't Bilbo imprisoned as well? _____

3. How does Bilbo get everyone out of the palace? _____
- _____
- _____

Chapter Ten: A Warm Welcome

1. How did the lake town react to the dwarves' arrival? _____
- _____
2. How does Bilbo feel now about traveling to the Lonely Mountain? _____
- _____

Chapter Eleven: On the Doorstep

1. Why do the men of the town leave the travelers at the end of the third day? _____
- _____
- _____
2. What does the scouting party see at the front gate? _____
- _____
- _____
3. What are the dwarves looking for on the western side of the mountain? _____
- _____
4. How do the dwarves get the secret door open? _____
- _____
- _____

Chapter Twelve: Inside Information

1. Why does Smaug go into a rage upon awakening? _____
- _____
- _____

2. Why does Bilbo go back down the tunnel a second time? _____

3. What is Smaug's weakness that Bilbo discovers? _____

4. What does Thorin say is the greatest treasure of the Mountain? _____

Chapter Thirteen: Not at Home

1. Why does Thorin & Co. go down the tunnel? _____

2. What does Bilbo put in his deepest pocket? _____

3. How do the dwarves react when they see the heap of their lost treasure? _____

Chapter Fourteen: Fire and Water

1. What is Esgaroth and who is Bard? _____

2. How does Bard know where to aim when he shoots Smaug? _____

3. Why do all the men of arms go to the Mountain? _____

Chapter Fifteen: The Gathering of Clouds

1. What news does Roac son of Carc bring to the dwarves? _____

2. What does Bard ask of Thorin, and what is Thorin's response? _____

Chapter 16: A Thief in the Night

1. What news does Roac bring the besieged dwarves? _____

2. What does Bilbo give Bard? Why? _____

Chapter 17: The Clouds Burst

1. Why does Thorin throw Bilbo out of his camp? _____

2. What are the armies in The Battle of Five Armies? _____

3. What happens to Bilbo during the battle? _____

Chapter 18: The Return Journey

1. Why does Thorin call for Bilbo and what does he tell him? _____

2. What parting gift does Bard bestow upon Thorin? _____

3. What parting gift does the Elvenking give Thorin? _____

Chapter 19: The Last Stage

1. When Bilbo arrives home, what does he find? _____

2. What are Gandalf's last words to Bilbo in this book? _____
