

# *The Hobbit*

This study guide is a tool to help you organize your thoughts while reading and provide notes for studying; however, it is not intended to inform you of possible test questions. The study guide will not be reviewed or discussed in class. Reviewing the study guide alone will not insure an adequate grade on summer reading assessments. You should use active reading strategies including **making notes in the margin with predictions or questions, highlighting character descriptions, and summarizing the main events of each chapter.**

## **Chapter One**

1. What are runes?
2. What is the difference between dwarfs and dwarves?
3. Who was Belladonna Took?
4. Who is Gandalf?
5. How do the dwarves know where Bilbo lives?
6. What does Gandalf want from Bilbo?
7. What is the dwarves' mission?
8. Who is Thorin Oakenshield?
9. What does the sign on the door *really* mean?

## **Chapter Two**

1. Where is Bilbo to meet the dwarves?
2. Why does Bilbo stand out from the dwarves?
3. How do Bilbo and the dwarves travel?
4. What happens to most of their food?
5. Who does Bilbo see in the woods?
6. What happens to the trolls?

## **Chapter Three**

1. Who is Elrond and where does he live?
2. What is Durin's Day?
3. What are moon letters?
4. What is the message?

## **Chapter Four**

1. Why does the party go into a cave?
2. What is Bilbo's dream?
3. What actually comes out of the crack?
4. What is the name of the sword taken from the trolls?
5. What is the other sword called?

6. What happens to the party and to Bilbo?

### **Chapter Five**

1. What does Bilbo find when he awakes?
2. Who lives by the dark pool of water?
3. What does Gollum call himself?
4. What does Gollum ask Bilbo?
5. What power does the ring possess?
6. Where does Gollum lead Bilbo?

### **Chapter Six**

1. How does Bilbo enter the dwarves' camp undetected?
2. The party flees down the mountain and are overtaken at night by \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_
3. Where does the party go for safety?
4. What happens to the trees?
5. Who rescues the party?

### **Chapter Seven**

1. Where do the Eagles carry the expedition?
2. Who is Beorn?
3. How does Gandalf win Beorn's hospitality?
4. How long did the expedition stay at Beorn's house?
5. Where are they headed?
6. Who leaves the expedition?

### **Chapter Eight**

1. What are the conditions at Mirkwood?
2. What happens to Bombur?
3. What does Balin see off the path?
4. The dwarves are captured by what?
5. Who rescues them?
6. Thorin is captured by \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Chapter Nine**

1. Lost in Mirkwood, the dwarves are captured by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The dwarves are taken to the underground palace of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Bilbo finds who and also discovers the water-gate.
4. What is the water-gate used for?
5. When the chief guard gets drunk, how does Bilbo help the dwarves escape?
6. How do Bilbo and the dwarves get to Lake-town?

## **Chapter Ten**

1. What is Lake-town?
2. What prophecies to the townspeople recall?
3. How long did the expedition rest here?
4. They depart for \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chapter Eleven**

1. What makes the expedition become gloomy?
2. What does Bilbo hear that is significant and why?
3. How is the door opened?

## **Chapter Twelve**

1. Who is Smaug?
2. Who goes down to Smaug's lair?
3. What does Bilbo steal from the dragon-hoard?
4. When Bilbo talks with Smaug, what observation does he make?
5. The expedition becomes trapped where?

## **Chapter Thirteen**

1. What does Bilbo find and hide?
2. What do the dwarves celebrate?
3. Where do the dwarves go for safety?

## **Chapter Fourteen**

1. Why does Smaug attack Lake-town?
2. What does the thrush tell Bard the Bowman?
3. What happens to Smaug and what does Bard plan to do?
4. What does the Elvenking intend to do but then goes to Lake-town instead?
5. What happens 11 days after the demise of Smaug?

## **Chapter Fifteen**

1. Who tells the dwarves the news about Smaug and the gathering outside Lonely Mountain?
2. What happens between Thorin and Bard?

## **Chapter Sixteen**

1. What does Roac advise Thorin to do?
2. What does Thorin do?

3. What does Bilbo do to settle the problem?
4. Who does Bilbo meet at their camp?
5. The Elvenking warns Bilbo about what?

### **Chapter Seventeen**

1. What does Thorin promise to give Bard?
2. Whose army arrives?
3. Just before a battle, both sides are attacked by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Name the groups represented in the Battle of Five Armies.
5. Who is the goblin leader?
6. What is the outcome of the battle?

### **Chapter Eighteen**

1. What happens to Thorin? What does he say to Bilbo?
2. Who is the new King under the Mountain?

### **Chapter Nineteen**

1. What does Bilbo take from the troll hoard?
2. When Bilbo arrives home, what is happening to his home?
3. How has Bilbo's reputation changed?
4. Who visits Bilbo several years later?

### **Overall Themes**

1. Bilbo Baggins becomes a daring burglar almost by accident. Name three advantages he has that enable him to be a good burglar. Which scenes show how Bilbo used these advantages in his "career"?
2. The expedition is aided at least three times by birds. Which scenes show how these birds help "save the day" for Bilbo and friends?
3. Explain how three dreams foreshadowed future events in *The Hobbit*.