

# The Hobbit Book Response

As you read The Hobbit you are to answer the following questions and respond to the writing prompts. Your responses are due at the conclusion of the assignment. The pages are to be typed with the usual writing guidelines and stapled together. Write on one side of the paper only and staple the final pages together. Your book response should not exceed five pages. This will be a test grade. Additionally, at the conclusion of this assignment, you will take a quiz over the book.

**Cover (5 pts)** – All of your work is to be stapled together (once in the upper left corner) with a cover page that is an original book cover. The cover is to include the title and author's name as well as your name (written neatly in the bottom right corner).

## **Author and book background (5 pts)**

Who is the author and when did he live? Is he still living? Name some of his other works. Why did he write The Hobbit? When was this book published?

## **Characters (10 pts)**

Write a brief profile (1-3 sentences each) of the following characters: Gandalf, Thorin, Bilbo, Smaug, Elrond, Dwarves, Trolls, Goblins, Gollum, Beorn, Bard

## **Places (20 pts)**

Explain briefly what the significance is to the story of each of the following places and what occurs in the places: The Hill, The Last Homely House, Rivendell, Misty Mountains, Dale

## **Significance to story (10 pts)**

Explain briefly what the significance is to the story of each of the following: the ring, the map, the swords, runes

## **Quotes (50 pts)**

Identify the speaker, the page number of the book on which the quote is found, the circumstance in which the words were spoken, and the quote's significance to the story.

1. We are plain quiet folk and have no use for adventures. Nasty disturbing uncomfortable things! Make you late for dinner! I can't think what anybody sees in them.
2. Stay by the grey stone when the thrush knocks, and the setting sun with the last light of Durin's day will shine upon the key-hole.
3. Smash them! Beat them! Bite them! Gnash them! Take them away to the dark holes full of snakes and never let them see the light again!

4. A box without hinges key or lid/ yet golden treasure inside is hid.
5. That's what he wants now, yes; we wants it!
6. Lazy Lob and crazy Cob  
are weaving webs to wind me,  
I am far more sweet than other meat,  
but still they cannot find me!
7. I am like a burglar that can't get away, but must go on miserably burgling  
the same house day after day.
8. Old fool! Why there is a large patch in the hollow of his left breast as bare  
as a snail out of its shell!
9. There is more in you of good than you know, child of the kindly West.  
Some courage and some wisdom, blended in measure. If more of us  
valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a  
merrier world.
10. Surely, you don't disbelieve the prophecies, because you had a hand in  
bringing them about yourself? You don't really suppose, do you, that all  
your adventures and escapes were managed by mere luck, just for your  
sole benefit?

**Essay Questions (100 pts)** (Composition will be part of the grade)

Answer the following in a short essay response. Each response should be a paragraph.

1. How do Gandalf and the dwarves convince Bilbo to go with them and why does he have to be convinced?
2. Why do Bilbo and Gollum engage in a riddle game. How does Bilbo win? Why is this a turning point in the story?
3. Why does Thorin say he was betrayed by Bilbo?
4. What was the point of this quest and was the goal achieved?
5. What did Bilbo lose besides spoons?