SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *The Hobbit*

DIRECTIONS:
1. Answer each question on lined notebook paper. Complete sentences are NOT REQUIRED.
2. Have completed questions in class on **DUE DATE – TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2ND DAY OF SCHOOL.**
3. Have personal copy of novel in class on **DUE DATE – TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2ND DAY OF SCHOOL.**
4. Remember, a test will be given on the required novels the first week of school and a student generated explication will be written on the optional novel.

**Chapter 1**
1. List 5 characteristics of hobbits.
2. Identify
   - Bilbo Baggins
   - Gandalf
   - Thorin
3. What was unusual about the Tooks?
4. Why did Gandalf visit Bilbo Baggins?
5. Gandalf showed the dwarves something that belonged to Thorin’s grandfather. What was it?
6. Identify Dale.
7. Identify Smaug.
8. What story did Thorin tell Bilbo?
9. How did Gandalf get the map and key?

**Chapter 2**
1. What had Bilbo forgotten to bring with him, and how was it remedied?
2. Identify William, Bert, and Tom.
3. What did William catch Bilbo doing?
4. Who saved Bilbo, Thorin, and company from the trolls? How?

**Chapter 3**
1. What kind of creatures inhabited the valley of Rivendell?
2. Identify Elrond.
3. What important information did Elrond give the travelers?

**Chapter 4**
1. Why did the travelers go into the cave?
2. Bilbo and Thorin & Co. had a nasty surprise in the cave. What was it?
3. What caused the Great Goblin to become enraged?
4. Goblins run faster than dwarves. How did the travelers escape the pursuit of the goblins?
5. What happened to Dori and Bilbo?

**Chapter 5**
1. When Bilbo awoke after falling off of Dori’s shoulders when the goblins grabbed Dori, what was strange about his surroundings?
2. While groping around on the floor, what did Bilbo find and put in his pocket?
3. Identify Gollum.
4. How did Bilbo win the riddle game with Gollum?
5. How did Bilbo discover the power of the ring?

**Chapter 6**
1. Why did the dwarves have a better opinion of Bilbo when he rejoined them after his adventures with Gollum and the goblins?
2. What detail about his adventures with Gollum did Bilbo leave out when he told the dwarves the story?
3. Why did the travelers climb up into the trees?
4. Identify wargs.
5. Who or what saved the travelers from the wargs, goblins, and fire?

**Chapter 7**
1. Identify Beorn.
2. Beorn warned them about some things in Mirkwood. What?
3. What were Gandalf’s parting words to the travelers as he left them at Mirkwood?

**Chapter 8**
1. Describe Mirkwood.
2. What happened to Bombur at the black river crossing?
3. Why did the travelers leave the path?
4. How did Bilbo get separated from the others in Mirkwood?
5. Identify Sting.
6. How did Bilbo rescue the dwarves from the spiders?
Chapter 9
1. Why were the travelers actually glad to be captured by the wood elves?
2. How did Bilbo keep from getting captured by the wood elves?
3. How did Bilbo rescue Thorin & Co. from the Elvenking?

Chapter 10
1. What sight did Bilbo see as he floated along on the barrel-raft?
2. Why did Thorin demand to be taken to the Master of the Men of the Lake?
3. Why did the Master treat the travelers well, and send them to the mountain with provisions?

Chapter 11
1. Why did the men of the town leave the travelers at the end of the third day?
2. What were the dwarves looking for on the western side of the mountain?
3. How did the dwarves get the secret door open?

Chapter 12
1. What did Bilbo see at the end of the tunnel?
2. Why did Bilbo go back down the tunnel a second time?
3. What was Smaug’s weakness that Bilbo discovered?
4. Why did the dwarves move their camp to within the tunnel?
5. What did Thorin say was the greatest treasure of the Mountain?

Chapter 13
1. Why did Thorin & Co. go down the tunnel?
2. What did Bilbo put in his deepest pocket?
3. How did Thorin & Co. get out of the Mountain?

Chapter 14
1. Identify Bard.
2. How did Bard know where to aim when he shot Smaug?
3. What was Bard’s reward for killing the dragon?

Chapter 15
1. What did Thorin ask Roäc to do?
2. What did Bard ask of Thorin, and what was Thorin’s response?

Chapter 16
1. Why did Bilbo offer to take Bombur’s watch?
2. What did Bilbo give Bard? Why?
3. Who praised Bilbo for his meeting with Bard?

Chapter 17
1. Why did Thorin throw Bilbo out of his camp?
2. What announcement did Gandalf make?
3. What were the armies in The Battle of Five Armies?
4. What plan did Gandalf propose?
5. When all seemed lost against the goblins, what appeared on the scene?
6. What happened to Bilbo during the battle?

Chapter 18
1. Why did Thorin call for Bilbo?
2. Who led the dwarves after Thorin’s death?
3. What did Bilbo give the Elvenking? Why?

Chapter 19
1. When Bilbo arrived home, what did he find?
2. Who came to visit Bilbo a few years after his return home?
3. What were Gandalf’s last words to Bilbo in this book?

VOCABULARY
- Highlight the following words as you encounter them in the text. Then write a short definition for each of the words, making sure your definition matches the way the words are used in the story. The numbers in parentheses are the chapters in which the words appear.

Abominable (6)  Infuriate (8)  Remuneration (1)
Antiquity (4-5)  Kin (2-3)  Repose (2-3)
Audacious (1)  Larders (1)  Requisite (2-3)
Conspirator (1)  Marauding (11-12)  Runes (1)
Dell (6)  Perilous (11-12)  Tunic (7)
Enmity (9-10)  Perish (13-15)  Uncanny (4-5)
Eyrie (6)  Perpetually (13-15)  Unimpeachable (7)
Hoard (13-15)  Pinnacle (7)  Waning (11-12)
Impenetrable (11-12)  Plight (9-10)  Wily (11-1)
Implore (11-12)  Quest (7)