

## Merit Rising 8th Grade Hobbit Reading Comprehension Packet

### **Chapter One**

- 1) What was Bilbo doing when Gandalf came by?
- 2) Name Bilbo's adventurous ancestor?
- 3) Which dwarf arrived at Bilbo's house first?
- 4) Name the leader of the dwarfs.
- 5) What did the dwarfs do immediately after they cleaned up?
- 6) What was Bilbo's job going to be?
- 7) What did Gandalf give to Thorin?
- 8) Who was first to go to sleep?

## **Chapter Two**

- 1) Who came back to Bilbo's house to tell Bilbo to hurry?
- 2) How many minutes did Bilbo have to meet the dwarfs on time?
- 3) What was Bilbo upset to have forgotten to take?
- 4) What month did they begin their journey?
- 5) Who was sent to investigate the fire they could see through the trees?
- 6) Name the trolls.
- 7) What did the trolls think Bilbo called himself?
- 8) What did the trolls put over the dwarfs?
- 9) Who was the first dwarf to be captured?
- 10) What happened to the trolls in the end and why?

## **Chapter Three**

- 1) Where did the party have their short rest?
- 2) What kind of creatures lived in this place?
- 3) Who was the leader of these creatures?
- 4) What are runes?
- 5) What are moon-letters?
- 7) What did not come into the valley where the party rested?
- 8) Who was Durin?
- 9) What was the weather like when they left the valley?
- 10) Where did the road they were following lead to next?

## **Chapter Four**

- 1) What kind of weather did the party have in the Misty Mountains?
- 2) What kind of creatures were throwing rocks around?
- 3) Who found the cave?
- 4) What did the goblins steal first?
- 5) Who woke up and warned everyone about the goblins?
- 6) Who was the leader of the goblins?
- 7) Who probably killed the goblin leader?
- 8) Name Gandalf's sword.
- 9) Name Thorin's sword.
- 10) What happened to Bilbo at the end of this chapter?

## **Chapter Five**

- 1) How did Bilbo know his sword was magical?

- 2) What did the magic of his sword tell Bilbo?
- 3) Which direction did Bilbo go after he woke up?
- 4) What did Bilbo stumble into in the dark?
- 5) What did Bilbo have in his pocket?
- 6) Who lived in the lake?
- 7) What was Gollum's birthday present?
- 8) What magical power did Gollum's birthday present have?
- 9) What was Gollum's first guess to Bilbo's question: "What have I got in my pocket?"
- 10) What was Gollum's last guess to the above question?

## **Chapter Six**

- 1) Which dwarf did Bilbo see first after he had escaped the goblins and Gollum?

- 2) Who had dropped Bilbo in the tunnels of the goblins?
- 3) What creatures trapped the party in the fir trees?
- 4) What is the special name Tolkien gave to these creatures?
- 5) The clearing where the party was caught was a meeting-place for what two creatures?
- 6) What did Gandalf use to fight the wolves?
- 7) What was the goblins' plan for the party while they were in the trees?
- 8) What creatures saved the party?
- 9) Who was the leader of these creatures?
- 10) Who was nearly left behind by the rescuers?

## Chapter Seven

1. Who did the party visit after the eagles dropped them off?

Gandalf

Beorn

	The Woodelves' king
	Bombur
	The Lord of the Eagles

2. Who said he was going to leave the party soon?

	Beorn
	Gandalf
	Thorin
	Bilbo
	Gollum

3. Whose house is the "Queer Lodgings" of the chapter title?

	Gandalf's
	Thorin's
	Elrond's
	Beorn's
	The Lord of the Eagles'

4. What had Beorn stuck outside his gate and nailed to a tree?

	Goblin's head and bear skin
	Bear skin and warg's head
	Goblin head and warg's head
	Goblin's skin and warg's head
	Goblin's head and warg's skin

5. Beorn could change into this kind of animal:

	warg
	goblin
	monkey
	bear

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snail

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6. Where did Gandalf leave the party?

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At Beorn's house

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At the edge of Mirkwood

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At the edge of the Misty  
Mountains

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At the river

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At the end

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7. What animals did Beorn lend the dwarfs?

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horses

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wargs

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eagles

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ponies

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spiders

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8. What was Gandalf's last bit of advice?

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Don't leave me alone!

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Don't dawdle!

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Don't drink any water in the  
forest!

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Don't smoke!

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Don't stray from the path!

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## Chapter Eight



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1.What was the name of the forest?

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Bushy Park

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Mistwood

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Mirkwood

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Sherwood Forest

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Woodelves' Forest

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2.Who fell into the magic river?

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Bifur

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Bofur

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Bombur

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Bilbo

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Thorin

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3.Who climbed a tree to see where the forest ended?

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Bifur

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Bofur

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Bombur

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Bilbo

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Thorin

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4.Who was first captured by the woodelves?

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Bifur

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Bofur

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Bombur

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Bilbo

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Thorin

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5.What was the name of Bilbo's sword?

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Orcrist

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Glamdring

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Stan

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Sting

Stinger

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6. Which member of the party did not get captured by the spiders or the woodelves?

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Bifur

Bofur

Bombur

Bilbo

Thorin

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## Chapter Nine

1. What did the woodelves' king do to the dwarves?
2. What kind of drink do the woodelves like most?
3. Why is Bilbo never captured by the elves?
4. Who thought of the plan to escape the elves?
5. What did Bilbo use to get the dwarfs out of the woodelves' palace?
6. Bilbo decides to do something nice for the guard who was watching over the dwarves. What does he do?
7. What was the name of the river which ran under the woodelves' palace?

## Chapter Ten

1. Bilbo got the dwarfs out of the barrels when they reached what town?

2. Who was the leader of Laketown (Esgaroth)?

3. Thorin said he was “king...”?

4. What has Thorin come back to reclaim?

## Chapter Eleven

1. Which river came down from the Lonely Mountain and ran to Laketown?
2. Name the town in a valley near the Lonely Mountain which was destroyed by Smaug long ago?
3. What did the party search for when they got to the Lonely Mountain?
4. Which 3 characters found the secret door?
5. How big was the secret door?
6. What did Thorin use to open the door?

## Chapter 12

1. Who was sent to investigate the tunnel?

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2. What color was Smaug?

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3. What did Smaug sleep on?

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5. What was the most valuable treasure?

5. How did Smaug react when Bilbo stole the cup?

7. Rather than give his real name, Bilbo gives Smaug many descriptions of himself. Name two of those descriptions.

3. Bilbo gives himself a bit of advice which later becomes a favorite saying of his later, and the phrase becomes a proverb. Name the proverb.

9). Describe the Arkenstone.

10. Smaug makes a threat at the end when he leaves the mountain in a rage. He says “They shall \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who is the \_\_\_\_\_ under the \_\_\_\_\_!”

## Chapter Thirteen

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What do the dwarves and Bilbo decide to do together when they realize they cannot ever open the door again?

2. Who found and took the Arkenstone?

3. What creature probably make Bilbo's light go out?

4. What happens to the heart of a dwarf when it is "wakened by gold and by jewels"?

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What did Thorin give to Bilbo as the first part of his reward?

6. Who leads the party out of Smaug's lair because he knows the place so well?

7. Bilbo is very grumpy and ill from being stuck down under the mountain. What does he call Thorin's palace?

8. What does the party eat that is made by Lakemen for long journeys?

9. What were all of the members of the party wondering and worrying about at the end of the chapter?



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