

Submit your answers to the daily reading questions on a piece of paper or in Canvas.

J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* or *There and Back Again* Chapter 1: An Unexpected Party Day 1

1. Tell a little about Bilbo Baggins's family history.
2. Describe Gandalf.
3. Describe Dwalin & Balin.
4. Describe Kili & Fili.
5. Describe Dori, Nori, Ori, Oin & Gloin.
6. Describe Bifur, Bofur & Bombur.
7. Describe Thorin Oakenshield.
8. List some of the tasty food & drink in Bilbo's pantry & cellar.
9. What is Bilbo's title & role in the adventure?
10. What is the adventure? What are they going to do?

J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* or *There and Back Again* Chapter 2 Roast Mutton Day 2

1. What's the situation when Bilbo wakes that morning?
2. What did Bilbo forget in his haste?
3. How are the dwarves traveling? What is their means of transportation?
4. Briefly describe Bert.
5. Briefly describe William.
6. Briefly describe Tom.
7. How does Gandalf save Bilbo and the dwarves from the Trolls?
8. What happens to Trolls when day breaks?
9. What did the adventurers get from the Troll cave?
10. Where are the adventurers headed, according to Gandalf?

The Hobbit or *There and Back Again* by J.R.R. Tolkien Chapter 3 "A Short Rest" Day 3

1. What and where is the "Last Homely House?"
2. Describe the journey to the "Last Homely House."
3. How long do the dwarves, Gandalf and Bilbo stay with the elves, and what do they do?
4. What do they discover about the map?
5. Briefly identify:
 Elrond
 Durin

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien Chapter 4 "Over Hill and Under Hill" Day 4

1. Describe, in general, the journey into the mountain passes.
2. Why do they shelter in a mountain cave?
3. What happens to them that night in the cave?
4. Briefly identify:
 Great Goblin
 Orcrist
 Glamdring
5. How does Chapter 4 end?

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien Chapter 5 "Riddles in the Dark" Day 5

1. What object does Bilbo find early in the chapter?
2. What other items does Bilbo still have with him?
3. Describe Gollum & his life deep in the dark mountain.
4. What contest does Bilbo win over Gollum & what's his prize?
5. How does Bilbo escape from Gollum, the mountain and the Goblins?

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien Chapter 6 “Out of the Frying-Pan into the Fire”

Day 6

1. “Out of the frying pan into the fire” is used as a metaphor for what dangers in this chapter?
2. Why do Gandalf, Bilbo and the Dwarves climb trees?
3. Why were the Wargs gathering in the clearing?
4. How do Gandalf’s attempts to escape from the trees “backfire?” (figuratively & literally)
5. Briefly identify:

Wargs

Lord of the Eagles

The Hobbit Chapter 7 “Queer Lodgings”

Day 7

1. Who does Gandalf take Bilbo and the dwarves to visit? Describe this character.
2. Beorn doesn’t especially like visitors. How did Gandalf get him to accept fifteen guests?
3. Beorn sets them on their way with food and ponies. What advice and warning does he give them?
4. Where does Gandalf leave Bilbo and the dwarves?
5. What advice does Gandalf repeat to Bilbo & the dwarves?

The Hobbit Chapter 8 “Flies and Spiders”

Day 8

1. Describe the forest.
2. How do they get across the enchanted stream? Why can’t they swim it?
3. They foolishly ignore Beorn’s advice. Why do they leave the path?
4. Bilbo proves himself to be a very brave and noble hobbit. What does he do?
5. Where is Thorin?

The Hobbit Chapter 9 “Barrels Out of Bond”

Day 9

1. What new trouble do the lost, exhausted and hungry dwarves get into in this chapter?
2. The Wood-Elves like wine, but no vineyards are nearby. How do they get their wine?
3. How does Bilbo save the dwarves from the Elvenking’s prison?
4. What is the flaw in Bilbo’s plan, and how does he correct it at the last moment?
5. Bilbo’s invisibility secret is almost compromised at the end of the chapter. What nearly gives him away to the Lake Men?

The Hobbit Chapter 10 “A Warm Welcome”

Day 10

1. Describe the Lonely Mountain. Bilbo can now see it clearly.
2. What’s the status of Gandalf in this chapter?
3. What’s the condition of the dwarves as Bilbo frees them from the barrels?
4. How do the Lake-men treat the dwarves? Why?
5. How long did they stay in Lake-town? When they leave, what are their modes of transportation?

The Hobbit Chapter 11 “On the Doorstep”

Day 11

1. Briefly identify & discuss the Lonely Mountain. How are the travelers feeling as they get closer to the Mountain?
2. They pass ruins. What was once there?
3. What do Fili, Kili and Bilbo find?
4. Bilbo is feeling particularly bad. Explain.
5. How do they open the secret door?

The Hobbit Chapter 12 “Inside Information”

Day 12

1. Whose idea is it for Bilbo to go first into the dark mountain? What does Bilbo think of this idea?
2. What does Bilbo find down in the mountain?
3. Why did Smaug wake up?
4. What happened to the ponies?
5. What tactics does Bilbo use when he speaks to Smaug? How does Chapter 12 end?

The Hobbit Chapter 13 “Not at Home”

Day 13

1. Down inside the mountain once again, what does Bilbo take from the treasure mound?
2. How do the dwarves act initially to the idea of exploring the cave?
3. How do the dwarves find their courage about halfway into the chapter?
4. What distracts them from the danger?
5. Briefly identify:
 mithril
 cram

The Hobbit Chapters 14 & 15 “Fire and Water” and “The Gathering of the Clouds”

Day 14

1. While Bilbo and the dwarves (in Chapter 13) were exploring Smaug’s lair and finding shelter in a rock chamber, what was Smaug doing?
- Briefly identify 2 through 6:
2. Esgaroth
 3. Bard
 4. Carc
 5. Roäc
 6. Dain
 7. Explain Thorin’s Behavior in this chapter. How is he acting towards Bilbo and the dwarves?
 8. How does Thorin respond to Roäc and Bard?
 9. Why?
 10. How is Bilbo feeling at the end of Chapter 15?

The Hobbit Chapters 16 & 17 “A Thief in the Night” and “The Clouds Burst”

Day 15

1. Thorin is preoccupied with finding a particular piece from the treasure. What is it? Who has this item Thorin seeks?
 2. Who is hurrying from the Iron Hills, on their way to assist Thorin?
 3. Bilbo takes a _____, the _____ wrapped in a rag, and offers to take _____’s turn as watchman.
 4. What does Bilbo say to Bard & what does he give Bard?
 5. Bilbo gets praise for his plan from a familiar face. Who does he meet in the elves’ camp?
 6. Why does Thorin, in a rage, “shake poor Bilbo like a rabbit” and tell him to leave? (page 276)
- Who saves Bilbo from this uncomfortable spot of trouble?
7. Just as the dwarves and elves are about to meet in battle, Gandalf cries “Halt!” Why?
 8. The Battle of Five Armies consists of:
____ & _____ VS. _____ & _____ & _____
 9. How does Bilbo endure the battle?
 10. It looks like the Goblins will reach the Gate & win the battle, but suddenly the dwarves are rescued. Who arrives to save the battle?

1. Bilbo wakes from a knock on the head to discover the battle is over. Why was he not discovered?
 2. Which of the dwarves have not survived the battle?
 3. The Eagles fought valiantly but were outnumbered. Who arrived at the battle in the last hour?
 4. Bilbo begins his journey home at last. Who travels with him?
 5. What of the treasure does Bilbo take?
 6. On the journey home, where do they stop during the winter Yule-tide?
 7. How long has Bilbo been away from home?
 8. During Bilbo’s adventure, Gandalf left for a while. Where was he, & what was he doing during his time away from Bilbo & the dwarves?
 9. In Chapter 2, the dwarves & Bilbo buried something. Bilbo and Gandalf now dig it up – what is it?
 10. In what condition does Bilbo find his home? What is happening at Bag-End when he finally arrives there?
- Bonus: What does Bilbo title his memoirs?