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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Hobbit

Author:

J.R.R. Tolkien

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Chapter 5: Bilbo and Gollum play a riddle-game in the dark. What do the riddles show about each character's cleverness, fears, or hopes?

Example answer: I think the riddle-game shows that both Bilbo and Gollum are clever, but in different ways. Gollum is used to living in the dark, so he knows strange and tricky riddles. Bilbo is scared, but he keeps thinking and does not give up. The game also shows that Bilbo hopes to escape, while Gollum wants to keep control.

Chapter 19

Chapter 19: Bilbo returns to the Shire and finds that home is not exactly the same for him anymore. How has Bilbo changed since the beginning of the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 12: Bilbo goes alone into the mountain and speaks with Smaug. What does this scene reveal about Bilbo's courage and his ability to think quickly?

Example answer: This scene shows that Bilbo is much braver than he used to be. He is terrified of Smaug, but he still goes into the tunnel by himself. When Smaug talks to him, Bilbo uses riddling words so he does not give away too much. I think Bilbo's quick thinking helps keep him alive.

Chapter 16: Bilbo secretly gives the Arkenstone to Bard and the Elvenking. Do you think Bilbo makes a wise choice, a risky choice, or both? Explain your thinking.

Example answer: I think Bilbo's choice is both wise and risky. It is wise because he is trying to stop a fight before people get hurt. It is risky because Thorin cares about the Arkenstone so much, and Bilbo could get in serious trouble. Bilbo seems to care more about peace than about keeping treasure.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: At first, Bilbo Baggins does not want an adventure with Gandalf, Thorin, and the dwarves. How does the unexpected party change Bilbo's quiet life, and what signs show that part of him might be curious?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Chapter 18: Bilbo says goodbye to Thorin and begins the journey home. How do Thorin's final words help Bilbo and the reader think about greed, friendship, and peace?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: The argument over the treasure changes when a greater danger arrives. What does this chapter suggest about working together when enemies threaten everyone?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: When Bilbo meets the trolls Tom, Bert, and William, he tries to act like a burglar. What goes wrong, and how does Gandalf help save the group?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: In Rivendell, Elrond helps the travelers understand Thorin's map and the moon letters. Why is this stop important before they continue their journey?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 16

Chapter 16: Bilbo secretly gives the Arkenstone to Bard and the Elvenking. Do you think Bilbo makes a wise choice, a risky choice, or both? Explain your thinking.

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Chapter 15

Chapter 15: Bard, the Elvenking, and Thorin all have different ideas about the treasure. What makes this conflict complicated instead of simply right or wrong?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: The storm in the mountains leads Bilbo and the dwarves into danger with the goblins. How does the mood of the chapter change from uncomfortable to frightening?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Bilbo and Gollum play a riddle-game in the dark. What do the riddles show about each character's cleverness, fears, or hopes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: Smaug attacks Lake-town, and Bard steps forward during the danger. How do the people react in the crisis, and what makes Bard an important leader?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: While Smaug is away, Bilbo and the dwarves explore the treasure, and Bilbo finds the Arkenstone. How do the treasure and the Arkenstone affect the mood of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: After escaping the goblins, Bilbo and the dwarves face wolves and goblins before the eagles arrive. How does Bilbo's place in the group seem different by the end of this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: Beorn can be frightening, helpful, and mysterious. What do his actions tell you about what kind of person he is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: Bilbo goes alone into the mountain and speaks with Smaug. What does this scene reveal about Bilbo's courage and his ability to think quickly?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 11

Chapter 11: The travelers reach the Lonely Mountain and search for the secret door. How does Tolkien build suspense while they wait and watch for the right moment?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: Mirkwood is full of confusion, hunger, and danger. Which challenge in this chapter seems hardest for the travelers, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Bilbo helps the dwarves escape from the Wood-elves in barrels. How does this plan show both bravery and risk?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: The people of Lake-town welcome Thorin and the dwarves with excitement. Why do you think songs, stories, and hopes about the Lonely Mountain matter so much to them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
