

Required Read and Reflective Essay for 8th Grade Honors

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, becomes a thief for a band of dwarves and soon finds himself in the midst of a war with the evil goblins and wargs, and forced to make a decision between the call of duty and the pull of the simple life.

Honors Only Reflective Essay: The Hobbit and Me (You are not required to do the Reading Response Document form on this book.)

Prompt: In this essay you will be analyzing Bilbo Baggins and your life over the past year. Read through the double entry log you have responded to as you read The Hobbit to find out how you've changed over the past year and how Bilbo changes in the following areas:

physically

emotionally

spiritually

intellectually

socially

attitudes

responsibilities

As you are reading through your double entry log, see what was important to you this year and what turned out to "be no big deal."

Describe what you were like one year ago. Then describe what Bilbo was like throughout his journey.

Pick out three specific events that helped make you who you are. Then, pick out three events in the book that helped Bilbo.

Think about if you are comfortable with whom you are today. Compare to Bilbo at the beginning of his journey.

What are you like now? Describe Bilbo at the end of the story.

Based on these events and how they changed you, what do you see for yourself in the future? What do you see for Bilbo in the story?

BE CREATIVE IN YOUR WRITING!

BE HONEST.

Requirements:

- **The essay should be 2-3 pages typed, double-spaced, 12 point (normal) font, with 1" margins. You must include concrete examples from the story.**