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The Hobbit- Study Guide

1. Who is Bilbo Baggins?

The main character of the novel and a hobbit.

2. In Chapter 1, who began to arrive at Bilbo's home after Gandalf's visit?

The party of dwarves

3. According to Thorin in Chapter 1, what happened to his family's wealth?

It was plundered by the dragon, Smaug.

4. In Chapter 2, what does Bilbo Baggins find as he approached the red lights?

Three trolls around a fire

5. What did Gandalf and Thorin each take from the cave in Chapter 2?

Beautiful swords

6. What does Elrond explain to the party about moon letters in Chapter 3?

They are runes that can only be seen in moonlight.

7. In Chapter 4, why was it fortunate that Bilbo had accompanied the dwarves into the cave?

Bilbo sensed danger and screamed, which gave the party warning of the goblins.

8. Why were the Great Goblin and his soldier upset when they saw Thorin's sword in Chapter 4?

They recognized the sword as being one that had killed many goblins.

9. At the beginning of Chapter 5, what does Bilbo find as he crawls blindly along the floor of the tunnel?

A metal ring

10. Who is Gollum and where does he live?

Humanoid creature that lives in an underground cave

11. What are the rules of the riddle game played by Bilbo and Gollum?

If Bilbo wins, then Gollum will lead him out of the cave. If Gollum wins, then he will eat Bilbo.

12. What power does Gollum's ring hold?

It makes the wearer invisible.

13. In Chapter 6 when the party is trapped in the trees, who rescued them?

The Lord of the Eagles

14. In Chapter 7, how does Beorn help the party?

He warns them not to drink from the enchanted stream, and he tells them not to stray from the path.

15. When Bilbo woke up in Chapter 8, what did he discover was happening to him?
He was being tied up in a spider's web.
16. Why was Bilbo horrified when he found the dwarves in a dark part of the forest?
They were also in spider's webs
17. How does Bilbo rescue the dwarves from the Great Spider?
Bilbo throws stones at the spiders to distract their attention away from the dwarves, and then led them off. He then circled back wearing his ring to free the dwarves from their webs.
18. In Chapter 9, what does the Elvenking order his men to do with the dwarves?
Put them in the dungeon
19. How did the dwarves escape from prison in Chapter 9?
Bilbo stole the guards' keys after they passed out from wine.
20. How did the party finally depart from the palace?
Hiding in barrels
21. In Chapter 10, how did the Elvenking respond to the news of the dwarves' plans to slay the dragon, Smaug, and capture his treasure?
He said that no treasure would pass through Mirkwood without him having a say.
22. In Chapter 11, how does Bilbo finally unlock the riddle and the secret door?
He is reminded of a riddle when he hears the thrush cracking a snail against the stone.
23. In Chapter 12, how do we know that Smaug kept close tabs on his treasure?
He noticed immediately that the single cup that Bilbo stole was gone.
24. Why does Bilbo regret his comment about the Barrel-rider to Smaug in Chapter 12?
He realized that his comment would make the dragon think he was one of the Lakemen, and he was afraid Smaug would take revenge on Laketown.
25. In Chapter 13, what does Thorin offer Baggins as a reward for his assistance?
A small coat of mithril-made mail (armor)
26. What important role does the thrush play in the demise of the dragon in Chapter 14?
He warns the Bard of the dragon's vulnerable spot.
27. Who came to the Bard's assistance in Chapter 14, which enabled the townspeople to survive the approaching winter?
The Elvenking
28. In Chapter 15, who is Roac and what news does he bring to the dwarves?
Roac is a famous raven who tells the dwarves that Smaug was killed.

29. What does Thorin vow to do to anyone who withholds the Arkenstone in Chapter 16?

He vows to avenge anyone who keeps the stone from him.

30. In Chapter 17, why were Dain's people refused entry to the Mountain?

The Bard thought that if the dwarves had more people, then they would be able to refuse to bargain for the Arkenstone.

31. Why did the dwarf attack against the Bard and the Elvenking end as quickly as it had begun?

It was interrupted by the start of the Battle of Five Armies

32. In Chapter 17, what role does the hobbit play in the battle?

Bilbo puts on his ring and watches.

33. In Chapter 18, who was mortally wounded and what did his grave look like?

Thorin's grave was beneath the Mountain. Thorin was holding the Arkenstone, and his sword was placed on top of his tomb.