

The Hobbit
Chapter 5 Reading Questions

Directions: Answer the questions below on a separate piece of lined paper in proper MLA format (include Chapter and Assignment!!). All answers must be in complete sentences and include:

- 1) An **answer** to the question in *your own words* (*rephrase question*)
- 2) A **quote** to support your answer
- 3) An **explanation** of how your quote supports your answer

*Use your book, post-it notes, and Summary Response Notes to help you find and support your answers.

Chapter 5: *Riddles in the Dark*

1. The narrator tells us on page 76 that, “It was a turning point in his [Bilbo’s] career, but he did not know it.” Identify the event that is the **turning point** for Bilbo. What **career** is the narrator referring to?

Quote

2. Describe the creature, **Gollum**, who lives on the island in the subterranean lake deep in the heart of the Misty Mountains. Include **external** and **internal traits** to explain the character.

Quote

3. Tolkien entitles his chapter “Riddles in the Dark.” What role do the riddles serve in the readers’ understanding of **Gollum’s** character and **internal conflict**?

4. Explain the power of the **ring** that Bilbo placed in his pocketsses (quote!).

5. Bilbo doesn’t kill Gollum when he has the chance. Why do you think he chose not to do this? What can you infer about Bilbo’s character based on this choice?

6. LUCK has played a huge role for Bilbo’s character in this chapter. Describe **two specific events** where luck has helped Bilbo achieve his goal.

Quote

7. How did Bilbo escape out the back door? Why didn’t the goblins chase him?

