

The Hobbit Final Project

Directions: The final project for *The Hobbit* has three main components: An essay, your choice of creative assignment, and your Hobbit worksheets. All must be handed in on the due date.

Part 1: Essay

Directions: Pick one of these essay topics and write a 5-paragraph essay about the topic. Your essay should feature a strong introductory paragraph, three paragraphs that support your claim and provide text evidence, and a conclusion paragraph that sums up your paper.

1. How is *The Hobbit* an epic adventure?
2. How did Bilbo change as a result of his journey?
3. What lesson(s) can we learn from *The Hobbit*?
4. Discuss differences between the movie and the book. Why were these changes made, were they beneficial, did they enhance or change the story, did the changes have a significant impact on the lessons or plot, etc.

Part 2: Creative Options

You must choose one of the following creative options to be completed on your own.

Book Cover

- You will redesign *The Hobbit* book cover. You will need to include a synopsis for the book, new cover art, and two reviews for the book. The front cover will be half a poster-board, and the back will be half a poster-board.

Book Advertisement

- You will create a poster advertisement for *The Hobbit*. For the advertisement you will need to create original artwork, and write a few sentences persuading someone to read the book. Your poster should be full poster-board size.

Comic Strip

- Pick a scene from the book (not the troll scene from chapter 2) and create a comic strip depicting the scene. The comic should include at least ten frames. This must be hand-drawn and coloured-in.

Script

- Pick a scene from the book and write a short script for the scene. You should include information about the setting, characters, and proper script formatting.

Annotated Map

- Create a detailed map of Bilbo's journey. Mark at least 6 points on the map where important events occurred with a brief summary of what happened. Reading the map should allow the reader to follow and understand Bilbo's journey from beginning to end without any other information. Map should be created on poster-board. Summaries can be typed and printed or hand-written.

Character Speech

- Choose one character from *The Hobbit*. Write a 2 minute speech from his/her/its perspective. Dress like the character and deliver your speech to the class. You may use index cards during your speech, but you may not read it word-for-word from paper. You do not have to memorize the speech, but you should have rehearsed it to the point where you only need to glance down occasionally at your index cards.

Musical Composition

- Compose music for one of the many songs that Tolkien included in *The Hobbit*. It must be an original tune of your own creation. You may sing a cappella, play an instrument, or sing and play. The piece may be pre-recorded or performed live. The presentation must not exceed 5 minutes in length. Musical skill will be graded heavily.

Board Game

- Make a board game related to *The Hobbit*. Include characters from the story as the pieces that move around the board, experiencing the events of the story. Illustrate the board with events from the story. Clearly explain the rules of the game. You should use a poster-board for this game.

Film-maker

- You have been hired by Peter Jackson to film “*The Hobbit: The Extended Version*.” You can choose to film a 20th chapter, or you can include unused footage from the book. I will be looking at your creativity, script-writing, and film-making abilities.

Alternate Chapter

- Choose a chapter from the book and create an alternate chapter. You should completely change what happens in this chapter, which may or may not alter the journey of our main characters. Your chapter should be keeping in the style and reality of the book.

Part 3: Hobbit Worksheets

Throughout this unit you have been asked to fill out the worksheets for this book. You will be asked to hand in all of your completed worksheets to be marked by Ms. Dufour. They will be marked not just for completion, but also for quality. Make sure you do a good job!