

# **Summer Reading Book Study Assignment**

## **The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien**

### **Incoming 7th Grade – Catholic School**

Complete the following assignments as you read *The Hobbit*. Be prepared to discuss the novel, its themes, and its connection to Christian virtues when school begins.

1. Highlight important events, character development, and major themes in each chapter as you read.
2. Keep a vocabulary log of at least 20 unfamiliar words and record their definitions.
3. Create a character chart that identifies major and minor characters and explains their roles in the story.
4. Create a setting chart of important locations in Middle-earth and explain the significance of each setting.
5. What is the main conflict of the novel? Explain it in at least 5 complete sentences.
6. What is the climax of the novel? Explain why it is the turning point in at least 5 complete sentences.
7. List 10 important events from the rising action that lead to the climax.
8. List 8 important events from the falling action that occur after the climax.
9. Explain the resolution of the novel in at least 8 complete sentences.
10. Identify and explain two major themes of the novel using evidence from the text.
11. What is the author's purpose for writing this novel? Support your answer with examples.
12. What genre best describes *The Hobbit*? Explain your answer using details from the story.
13. Write a summary of the novel in 20 complete sentences.
14. Catholic Reflection: How does Bilbo demonstrate virtues such as courage, humility, loyalty, and self-sacrifice? Write one well-developed paragraph connecting these qualities to Catholic teachings.
15. Write a critique of the novel in 10 complete sentences. Include what you liked, disliked, and whether you would recommend the book to another student.