**English 11/12 Honors: Tolkien Name:**

**Mr. Fisher**

**Create a Myth, Create the Universe! (Or, Create an Essay)**

Introduction: By now, you have read J.R.R. Tolkien’s take on the creation myth and may have understood a little of it. Additionally, you have also read a creation myth, and soon will have had a few read to you! You are quickly becoming a creation-myth expert…or at the very least, a future drunken-jerk-at-the-end-of-a-bar-who-claims-in-slurred-speech-to-be-a-creation-myth expert because, in high school, he or she read two or three! As an (somewhat) expert, you will not be asked to show your expertise in essay form! As a future drunk, you should seek future help, possibly from a future therapist who specializes in future addictions.

Your Task: To write your very own creation myth!

Requirements: Your creation myth must:

* Be about the creation of the planet earth.[[1]](#footnote-1)
* Be 2-to-5 pages long.
* “Feel” like a creation myth.
* Include, somewhere in the myth, the creation of “people.”
* Special Requirement: You must include at least FIVE vocabulary words from Lists #1-5.
  + The vocabulary words should be used correctly (duh!)
  + The vocabulary words should all be underlined, just like I have done to this sentence. See how good I am getting at modeling instructions for my students!

Non-Requirements: Your myth does not have to:

* Include a God.
* Be 100% realistic (but it should make sense on some level).
* Create *everything[[2]](#footnote-2)*

Non Bonus: For every Clint Eastwood reference you use in your story, you earn absolutely nothing.

Due date: The essay must be handed in on turnitin.com by Monday, December 4.

Rubric: The essay will be graded based on the following rubric:

Failing Poor Flawed Good Nearly Perfect

Authenticity 1 2 3 4 5

Use of Vocabulary Words 1 2 3 4 5

Quality of Story 1 2 3 4 5

Creativity/Originality 1 2 3 4 5

Grammar, Punctuation 1 2 3 4 5

and Syntax

Grade:

1. Yes, Tolkien wrote a creation myth for Middle Earth, an entirely different planet. However, unless you want to write 3,000 pages or so of legends about this new world, I see no point in creating it. Stick to earth! [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. I’ll just state it now: if someone writes about the creation of an IPhone, you’re done! I mean, just get out of this class! Got it? Don’t be “that guy.” Tolkien would be ashamed of you! [↑](#footnote-ref-2)