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

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***Fellowship of the Ring* Study Guide #1: Book #1, Chapters 1-3**

*Please answer the following questions in* ***complete sentences****.**If I feel the answers make no sense, I reserve the right to deny credit. Otherwise, a “check” equals a 10/10, a “check plus” equals a 12/10, and a “check minus” equals a 6/10. Skipped questions will lead to an automatic “check minus,” so I strongly encourage you to try to answer them all!*

1. How are Hobbit birthdays different from our birthdays? Do you like their way more? Why or why not?
2. What is Bilbo’s “joke?” Is it funny to his guests? How does Gandalf view Bilbo’s “joke?” What does it say about Bilbo’s character?
3. Why is it important that Bilbo gives up the Ring to Frodo? Why does he have so much difficulty doing so? Why doesn’t Gandalf tell Bilbo straight out what the Ring can do to him?
4. Why, according to Gandalf, is this Ring so important? Why is it important that Sauron not be allowed to gain possession of the One Ring? How can he be prevented from acquiring it?
5. Where did Gollum come from? Why is his “origin” significant to the future of the book (and for that matter, Frodo)? What does it say about the power of the ring?
6. When does Frodo want to leave the Shire? Where does he plan to go? What does he plan to do with Bag End? Why?
7. How do the hobbits feel when they see a Black Rider? How do the elves react when the hobbits tell them of the Black Rider? What does their reaction tell you about the Black Rider?