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

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***The Hobbit* Study Guide #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. Please describe Bilbo Baggins’s hobbit hole (Bag End). How is this a fitting home for a hobbit with Bilbo’s personality?

2. Describe the dwarves’ song about their past. How was it sung? What story does it tell? Why do you think Tolkien chose to explain these important details in a song?

3. Why do the dwarves need Bilbo? What do they want him to do for them? Why did they choose to ask Bilbo of all people (or hobbits)? Why does Bilbo agree to help the dwarves? What does this say about his personality?

4. Who captures the dwarves? How are they caught? How do they escape? How would you describe these three “creatures?”

5. How is the song the elves sing different from the songs the dwarves sang earlier in the book? What do these differences show about these two “races” of Middle Earth?