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

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***Return of the King* Study Guide #1: Book 5, 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!*

Chapter #1:

1. Why does Pippin pledge his loyalty to Gondor? How does Gandalf view his decision? Do you think it was a wise move? Why or why not?

2. Describe Denethor. Do you think he is a good ruler for Gondor? Why or why not?

Chapter #2:

3. Why does Merry offer Théoden his loyalty to Rohan? How does Théoden react? How was this experience different from Pippin’s pledge to Denethor?

4. What are the Paths of the Dead? Why does Aragorn choose to take this route?

Chapter #3:

5. Who is Dernhelm and what is he doing for Merry? How are Merry, “Dernhelm,” and Théoden all similar?