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

**Mr. Fisher**

***Return of the King* Study Guide #4: Book 6, 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. What does the ring cause Samwise to fantasize about? How does he ultimately evaluate this fantasy? Why do you think Tolkien included this section about Sam and the ring?
2. How does Sam get inside Cirith Ungol? Once inside, what does Sam call himself to intimidate the orcs? Why do you think he chose this identity?
3. In what condition does Sam find Frodo? How does Frodo react to see Sam there at first? How does this change when he finds out he has the ring? How did the “final” transfer of the ring from Sam to Frodo go?

Chapter 2:

1. What day-to-day challenges will Sam and Frodo face travelling the last forty miles or so to Mount Doom? How do these struggles affect the mood of the chapter?
2. How do Sam and Frodo end up becoming part of an army of orcs? How do they escape?

Chapter 3:

1. Why does Gollum attack Sam and Frodo before they reach the Cracks of Doom? Who is stronger: Frodo or Gollum? Why doesn’t Sam kill Gollum? What does this say about Sam as a dynamic (changing) character?
2. What happens when Frodo gets to the Cracks of Doom? Describe this climactic scene, explaining what happened to Frodo, Sam, Gollum, and the Ring of Power. What “greater meaning” about the quest and Tolkien’s many themes can you find in this scene?