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

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***Return of the King* Study Guide #6: Book 6, Chapters 7-9 (The End of It All!)**

*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 7:

1. What news does Gandalf tell Butterbur that surprises him? How does this connect to Tolkien’s theme that “All that is gold does not glitter?”

2. Why does Gandalf tell the hobbits that they must settle the affairs of the Shire themselves? In what ways have Frodo, Sam, Merry, and Pippin been “trained” for the next part of their journey? How have they changed from when we first met them?

Chapter 8:

3. What happens when the Shirriffs try to arrest the four hobbits? How do you think these “criminals” view the Shirriffs?

4. What happens at the Battle of Bywater? How does this battle feel different to you, the reader, when compared to the battles from earlier in the Trilogy?

5. Describe Saruman’s death. Who killed him? Why? How? What happened next? What “meaning” can you draw from this bizarre end to the life of a once-great wizard?

Chapter 9:

6. What does Sam find in Galadriel’s box, and how does it play an important role in the revival of the Shire?

7. Who leave on the final ship to the Grey Havens? Do you like the way the story ended? Why or why not?