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

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***Lord of the Rings* Meets the Art of the PowerPoint**

Introduction: If J.R.R. Tolkien were alive today, he would love PowerPoint presentations. Of course, by “PowerPoint,” I would mean lectures where the instructor points a lot, often menacingly, at his or her students. Microsoft PowerPoint? Oh, Tolkien would hate that! He did not like computers or technology at all. Luckily, Tolkien is not your teacher. I am! Actually, that makes you “unlucky.” Sorry. See, I’m about to assign you guys a group project. Oh, don’t worry! It won’t be that bad! I guarantee you it will be much better than Tolkien’s version of Power-Pointing!

Your Task (In Fancy Bullet Points):

* Join together with your Two Towers groups (To be assigned shortly). Create a PowerPoint Presentation on one of the Tolkien-background topics listed below.
* Present the PowerPoint to the class.
* Create five multiple-choice questions about your presentation. One of these will end up on the *Two Towers* test.

Possible Topics (In Less-Fancy Bullet Points):

* Eärendil
* Númenor
* The fate of Arnor
* The Fall of Gondolin
* The Creation of the Silmarils (and where they ended up)
* Beren and Luthien

Requirements (Back to Fancy Bullet Points):

* Your PowerPoint Presentation must tell a story.
* Your presentation should also make the connection between the story and the events, characters, or items found in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy or *The Hobbit*.
* Your presentation should take advantage of various media (pictures, music and/or video).
* All people in your group should actively participate in both making the presentation and presenting it to the class.
* You must create five multiple-choice questions about your presentation that you will hand in (do not include on a slide). Some of these will end up on the *Two Towers* exam.
* Your presentation can be “funny” or “silly,” but must be appropriate for school.
* Your presentation should not exceed 25 minutes (and probably won’t need to be nearly that long).

Suggestion: Try not to write a “script” on your presentation. Just post the most important “notes” and explain them in your presentation.

Rubric:

Failing Poor Flawed Good Nearly Perfect

Use of pics and media 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Quality of presentation 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Effective** use of detail 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Creativity 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Quality of questions 1 2 3 4 5

Teamwork/Effort 1 2 3 4 5

Grade: /50🡪 /100