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

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**PowerPoint Notes Sheet: J.R.R. Tolkien**

1. When did J.R.R. Tolkien live? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where was Tolkien born? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Where did he grow up? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. With what religion was Tolkien raised? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. How old was Tolkien when his mother died from diabetes? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Who then had custody of him?

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1. What was the T.C.B.S.? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. When Tolkien was 16 years old, he met his future wife. What was her name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did Father Morgan try to keep them apart? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. From where did Tolkien graduate college? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Why did Tolkien enlist to fight WWI? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why was he sent home from the war? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What was the first “Middle Earth” tale Tolkien wrote? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Who inspired the character “Luthien?” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. What college hired Tolkien in 1925? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What was he hired as? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Tolkien made a name for himself with his work on both translating and interpreting what Anglo-Saxon work?

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1. What did Tolkien publish *The Hobbit?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Why did he write it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Was *The Hobbit* successful? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How long did it take Tolkien to write a sequel to *The Hobbit*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What war greatly influenced the writing of the *LOTR* trilogy? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What is “The Inklings?” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Who belonged to the club?

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1. How was *LOTR* different from *The Hobbit*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many copies of *LOTR* have been sold? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ranking? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many copies of *The Hobbit* have been sold? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ranking? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. How did Tolkien view his fame? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What are three of Tolkien’s “purposes” for writing *LOTR*?
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6. How does Tolkien view “change?”

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1. How does Tolkien view “power and government?”

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1. How does Tolkien view “war?”

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1. How does Tolkien view “race?”

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1. How does Tolkien view “allegory?”

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1. Who has helped Tolkien publish five books since his death? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What are those five books?

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1. How many languages did Tolkien know? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How many did he create? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What fictional names appear on the Tolkiens’ tombstone? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_