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

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***The Two Towers* Study Guide #3: Book #1, Chapters 7-8**

*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!*

1. What is Helm’s Deep? Why does Théoden want to go there? Why do Aragorn, Gimli and Legolas join him? Why do you think Gandalf does not join them? Is it wise for Gandalf to leave the remaining members of the Fellowship at this point? Why or why not?
2. Now that he has been “cured,” describe Théoden. What makes him a good king?
3. What makes “Helm’s Deep” an ideal fort for battle? How does the fort itself play a significant role in the battle against the orcs?
4. What “game” do Gimli and Legolas play with each other? Why do you think they set up this competition? Who do you think will win? Why?
5. How does Rohan win the Battle at Helm’s Deep? Looking at both sides objectively, one would think the orcs had a clear advantage in this battle. How did they “blow it” and end up losing?
6. What agreement do Gimli and Legolas make? What does this show about both of their characters and their friendship?
7. Who are the door-wardens of Isengard who greet Theoden, Gandalf and company at the gates? Why does Tolkien include this scene? Why might the meeting be especially meaningful for Gimli, Legolas and Aragorn?
8. What happened to Isengard? Where is Saruman? Wormtongue? Why is this an odd way for Tolkien to deal with this side of the story?