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

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***The Two Towers* Study Guide #4: Book #1, Chapters 9-11**

*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. How has drinking the ent-drought affected Merry and Pippin? How might this change also be symbolic?
2. What item usually found only in the Shire do Merry and Pippin find in Isengard? How do they feel about finding it there? How do you think it got there? Why might this be important?
3. Why does Pippin say, “Strider the Ranger has come back” (198)? What is Aragorn’s response? What does this say about both his own identity and his current mood? Why?
4. What are Huorns? How were they important to the Ents’ attack of Isengard? Why do you think Tolkien added this detail rather than just have the ents attack Isengard alone?
5. How was Isengard defeated? How did Saruman bring this defeat upon himself?
6. How does Saruman’s voice affect Theoden, Gandalf, and Gimli? What do their reactions suggest about them as characters?
7. What terms does Gandalf offer to Saruman after Saruman’s defeat? How does this compare with Gandalf’s treatment of other enemies? How does this compare with Saruman’s treatment of Gandalf earlier in the trilogy?
8. What is a palantír? Why does Pippin want to look into it? What did Pippin see? How does Gandalf react, both at first and over time, to Pippin’s theft? Of what other object in the trilogy does this remind you? How are they similar?