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

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***The Two Towers* Study Guide #7: Book #4, Chapters 8-10**

*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. Sam and Frodo have a discussion about trusting Gollum. Describe this discussion. Why do you think this could be an important discussion? Do you think they should trust Gollum? Why or why not?

2. Who is Shelob? How powerful is she? Why did Gollum lead Frodo and Sam to her?

3. How does Frodo use the gift he received from Galadriel to fight Shelob? What might this show, symbolically, about good and evil?

4. How does Sam defeat Shelob? How is he able to do this? What strengths do we see in Sam in his battle?

5. Why does Sam take the ring? How does Sam’s decision to take the ring show a change in his character from the beginning of the trilogy?

6. What does the conversation between Shagrat and Gorbag tell us about the day-to-day lives of orcs?