



Welcome to British Honors Literature!

Reading is one of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for the challenges of the upcoming school year and beyond. Now more than ever, it is important to sharpen your critical reading skills, expand your vocabulary, enhance your focus, and ignite your imagination - all in the comfort of your own home. There's no better way to accomplish this than by sitting down with a good book or two.....

Essential Reading: *The Fellowship of the Ring*, by J.R.R. Tolkien (1954)

[Summer Reading Packet](#)

[Learning Objectives: attached here](#)

This Fall, our class will embark on an exciting literary journey, diving into the second part of Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, entitled *The Two Towers*, through a Christian lens. To prepare, your essential summer reading is *The Fellowship of the Ring*, the trilogy's first installment. I encourage you to start with *The Hobbit* before reading *The Fellowship of the Ring*, but it is not necessary.

For *The Hobbit*, you have the option to enjoy the film adaptation or listen to the audiobook. An affordable collection featuring both *The Hobbit* and the entire *Lord of the Rings* trilogy is available on Amazon. ([This is the version we will reference in class.](#))

It is crucial that you **READ** *The Fellowship of the Ring*; please refrain from listening to the audiobook or watching the film, as it undermines the experience. I have prepared a packet for you to work on. This packet is intended for you to tackle independently or alongside your parents. I wholeheartedly encourage you and your parents to embark on this adventure together! Please refrain from using AI or copying others' work in your answers. For your convenience, I've included the FBS English Department's policy regarding AI and plagiarism- attached here. Any responses that are duplicated from fellow students will result in an automatic "F" for all related assignments to the packet.

During the first week of class, there will be four assignments linked to this packet. Two of these will count as major grades: the packet itself and the "Dig Deeper" questions included within it. The remaining two assignments will be minor grades. The first will be a vocabulary test based on the terms in the packet (hint: consider creating a Quizlet for these terms as you progress through the packet!). Secondly, we will engage in a Socratic seminar where we will delve into the "Dig Deeper" sections of your packet, which you will submit to Google Classroom on the first day of class- no exceptions. 10 points for everyday late.

Within the packet, you will find a "Dig Deeper" section for each set of chapters. It's essential to maintain a working Google document with your responses, as you will need to upload this during the first week of school. These answers will also provide a foundation for our exploration of *The Two Towers*, which will include a similar packet and discussion prompts.

You are required to answer only two questions from each of the "Dig Deeper" sections, so feel free to select the ones that resonate with you the most. Again, I highly encourage you to collaborate with your parents or guardians on this task, though it's not mandatory. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to participate in your educational journey and growth. This will also enhance their grasp of your initial major assignment, which entails writing a 4-6 page paper on *The Twin Towers*. The submission date is yet to be determined.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Fall! Should you have any inquiries, don't hesitate to reach out via email.
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