



8th Grade Summer Reading

The Purpose of Summer Reading:

The goal of Central Florida Christian Academy is to “educate, inspire, and equip” all of our students with the knowledge base necessary to continue on their educational journey and in life. Reading good literature is a vital part of that journey. Being able to read comprehensively and on grade level will aid the success rate of a student at CFCA. In addition, being able to understand and evaluate an author’s written word helps students to use critical thinking in other areas of their lives.

The Book: PLEASE BE SURE TO PURCHASE **THE LISTED COPY** OF THE BOOK AS WE WILL BE USING THEM IN CLASS the first three-four weeks of class.

8th Grade: *The Fellowship Of The Ring* by JRR Tolkien

The Requirements:

- Complete the following questions on notebook paper.
- The questions will be DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

1. Comprehension Questions:

- Read the novel and then answer the comprehension questions that are attached.
- The questions are to be answered on notebook paper.
- Your response **should restate the question** and **be answered in full sentences.**
- Use details from the novel to support your answer.

Take time and plan out your summer reading assignment. Remember the book is to be read and the questions are to be answered by the first day of school. This will be a test grade. There will also be a class project assigned at the beginning of school and a test will be given over the book you have been assigned to read. Please come to school prepared: Book has been read, questions are complete, book is brought to school, and you are ready to join in on discussions about the book.



THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING – JRR TOLKIEN

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Prologue – Book One: Chapter I, A Long – Expected Party

1. Where was Frodo raised, and how did he come to live with Bilbo Baggins?
2. What do the hobbits mean by “filling up the corners”?
3. What are Bilbo’s “three purposes” for gathering his 144 guests at his birthday dinner?
4. How does Frodo learn of the Enemy and the rebuilding of the Dark Tower in the Land of Mordor?

Book One: Chapter II, The Shadow Of The Past – Chapter III, Three Is Company

5. What has Gandalf been doing during the seventeen years following Bilbo’s disappearance?
6. Who was Sméagol, and who has he become?
7. Why does Gildor say to Frodo, “I name you Elf-friend”?

Book One: Chapter IV, A short Cut To Mushrooms – Chapter VI, The Old Forest

8. What are the chief differences between the Bucklanders and the other hobbits of the Four Farthings?
9. How do Merry, Pippin, and Sam know that Frodo has been planning to leave the Shire?
10. What qualities do Sam, Pippin, and Merry possess that make them suitable companions for Frodo on his journey? As the story progresses, how do the four change and grow?

Book One :Chapter VII, In The House of Tom Bombadil – Chapter IX, At The Sign Of The Prancing Pony

11. How does the spell cast on Frodo by Goldberry differ from the spell of “fair Elven-voices”?
12. What does Tom Bombadil choose from the barrow treasure for each hobbit, and what makes his choices special?
13. Who are the Rangers and what sets them apart?

Book One, Chapter X Strider – Chapter XII Flight To The Ford

14. Why has Strider been looking for Frodo Baggins?
15. According to Strider, when and where are the Black Riders the strongest?
16. What does Strider find in the middle of the Last Bridge, and how does he interpret it?



Book Two: Chapter I, Many Meetings – Chapter II, The Council Of Elrond

17. Which of the Dark Lord's chief foes live in Rivendell, and why don't they fear the Ringwraiths?
18. When were the Rings of Power forged and by whom?
19. Gandalf says that "the power of Saruman is still less than fear makes it." How does fear magnify an adversary or a problem?

Book Two: Chapter III, The Ring Goes South – Chapter IV, A Journey In The Dark

20. Who are the nine assigned by Elrond to the Company of the Ring, and why?
21. Why can't the Company cross the Misty Mountains through the Gap of Rohan?
22. Why does Gandalf reject the middle and left-hand passages and choose the right-hand passage?

Book Two: Chapter V, The Bridge Of Khazad – Dum – Chapter VII, The Mirror Of Galadriel

23. What are the implications of Aragorn's statement to his companions after the loss of Gandalf: "We must do without hope"?
24. What is Lothlórien, and why is it important to Legolas?
25. What ring does the Lady Galadriel wear, and why is it important?
26. What evidence, up to now and later in the book, supports Haldir's statement, "Indeed in nothing is the power of the Dark Lord more clearly shown than in the estrangement that divides all those who still oppose him"? What are the causes and consequences of this estrangement?

Book Two: Chapter VIII, Farewell To Lorien – Chapter X, The Breaking Of The Fellowship

27. What is the nature of Boromir's and Aragorn's disagreement concerning which course to follow?
28. What is Aragorn's recommendation concerning what the Company should do next, and how do the others react?
29. Do you think it is right that The Fellowship of the Ring ends with Frodo and Sam setting off alone "on the last stage of the Quest"? Explain your answer.
30. How have Frodo and Sam grown since we first met them?

31. In Chapter 2 – 3, Gandalf tells Frodo, "There is such a thing as malice and revenge." How did malice and revenge enter the story, who their agents are (whether heroes or villains), and what their effects are? – **Write 2 Paragraphs responding to the questions above.**

