

# English 9 Honors Summer Assignment

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Students enrolled in English 9 Honors will be required to read The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien along with Robert Frost's poem, The Road Not Taken and complete the following assignments. The assignments are due in class the first day of school.

- *Late assignments will not be accepted and this will be graded and affect the student's grade significantly if not completed. Not completing this assignment does not allow a student to switch into the English 9 classes, as class size is predetermined and oftentimes there is not room. If students decide they do not want to do the assignment they must disenroll from the class before school begins.*

- I. After reading the book, and studying the poem, write an essay responding to the following prompt:

**J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit and Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken" are about the journeys of life. Explain how Bilbo's experiences relate to the poem.**

This essay must be at least 5 paragraphs, including a thesis statement in the first paragraph, followed by the body of the essay and a concluding paragraph at the end. It should be titled at the top according to the student's thesis.

- II. Riddles and songs are a large part of The Hobbit. Students must select a song according to the lyrics that represent a main character in The Hobbit. Some possible options include Gandalf the wizard, Gollum, Smaug, Bard, or of course, Bilbo, along with other main characters.
  - A. Type a list of the character's attributes, personality, and actions in the story.
  - B. Type the song title, artist, and lyrics of the song.
  - C. Type a one page explanation of how the song represents the character.

*Both assignments must be typed in double-spaced 12 point Times New Roman Font. Other formats are not acceptable. \*Remember to type your name and the date in the top right hand corner!*

