

## The Hobbit – Chapter 18 – The Return Journey

“There is more in you of good than you know, child of the kindly West. Some courage and some wisdom blended in measure. If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.”

1. Bilbo had to moderate his sedate Baggins' self with the adventuress Took side. Did he succeed?
2. Thorin, Fili and Kili died due to the Battle of the Five Armies. What other stories encompass death and how do you think Tolkien expected his readers, especially children, to view those deaths?

## The Hobbit – Chapter 19 – The Last Stage

Much of The Hobbit explores the contrast between the world in ancient epics that Tolkien studied as a scholar and the modern and the English world in which he lived.

1. How does this image correspond to Tolkien's own life?
2. How is the company's quest, which seemed tainted by the greed that motivated it, redeemed?
3. Bilbo, without a question, ends being a hero. Why does Gandalf say, then, to him that he is “only quite a little fellow in a wide world after all!”
4. IF the wargs were not destroyed, the orc's routed, and Smaug killed, how differently would the battles have gone in The Lord of the Rings?