

The Hobbit 1 (Chs.1-4): Discussion Questions

A. WHO? (Characters)

1. Who is hero of the story? What does he or she represent?
2. In this part of the story we meet several kinds of talking creatures, such as Dwarves and Elves. What other kinds? What are the characteristics of each? What do they represent?

B. WHERE? (Places)

3. Each of the four chapters has a different main setting: the Hill, the Lone Lands, the Last Homely House, and the Misty Mountains? What kinds of places are these?
4. In general, in what kind of world is the story set? Why the maps?

C. WHEN? (Times)

5. In what period is the story set—the past, the present, or the future? Does it matter?
6. How much time passes during and between each of the chapters? Are times and seasons important?

D. WHAT? (Events)

7. What are the main things that happen in each of the four chapters? Is the order important?
8. What do you think is going to happen in the next chapter? And the chapter after that?

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### E. HOW? (Style and Tone)

9. What kind of story is this: a comedy, a love story, a thriller, a horror story, etc?
10. What kind of person is the narrator (the person telling the story)? What kind of people does he seem to be telling the story to?

### F. WHY? (Context and Theme)

11. This story was written in Britain shortly before World War Two? Is it important?
12. What seem to be the main ideas underlying the story? What is the author trying to teach us, if anything?