

*The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide*  
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**Chapter 14: Fire and Water**

**Vocabulary** Define the following words with only 1-2 words

drear \_\_\_\_\_

foreboding \_\_\_\_\_

foiled \_\_\_\_\_

quench \_\_\_\_\_

Bard \_\_\_\_\_

gilded \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

wither, gledes, endured, valour, hinders, undervalue, warily, eminent, benefactors, imperishable, deposed, ample, contrived, perished, treacherous

**Bonus Vocabulary**

recompense

**Comprehension Questions** Answer the questions briefly (full sentences are unnecessary)

1) To what did the citizens of Lake-town attribute lights on the Lonely Mountain to? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) In reality, what was the light they saw? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) How did the towns folk prepare for the pending danger? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) How would you describe Bard's character traits? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What was Smaug's intentions for Lake-town and its citizens? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) What did the Master of Lake-town plan? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) How did the citizens of Lake-town respond to the Master? \_\_\_\_\_

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8) How did the old thrush help to save Lake-town? \_\_\_\_\_

9) How did the Master divert the citizens of Lake-town? \_\_\_\_\_

10) While the Lake-town citizens were clamoring for Bard to be king and while the Master was busy diverting the people, what did Bard do?

11) How did the elvenking hear about the dragon? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the elvenking think happened to Thorin & Company? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the elves help the citizens of Lake-town? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Christian Worldview***

1) Bard had an arrow that he inherited from his family. This black arrow was prepared beforehand to take care of this evil creature, Smaug. This story is very close to that of William Tell. This Swiss hero was forced to shoot an apple off of his son's head at the whim of the tyrannical Geisler the Black. However, William Tell hid a special arrow in his vest for his dragon. What are some of the tools or weapons God gives His people so they are capable of defending the Faith and slaying their dragons?

2) The Master of Lake-town would appear to be consumed with envy of Bard. This envy is demonstrated by his angry reaction to the crowd's outburst, "*King Bard! King Bard!*" they shouted; but the Master ground his chattering teeth." The Bible talks a lot about humanists grinding their teeth. Why do you think this is so?

Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?  
Proverbs 27:4

3) The Master of the town is quick to scapegoat (unfairly blame) Thorin & Company as being the source of their danger in order to deflect attention off of himself. The Master did not want the citizens to reflect on the fact that he was a coward and had left town when his leadership was most needed. It was Bard that took the responsibility. The Master's arguments, although clever, almost take on the whiney aspect that Cain's arguments took on before God. Discuss.

And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not:  
Am I my brother's keeper? ... Genesis 4:9

4) The Elvenking had received the news the third day after the fall of Smaug. Again, the importance of the number three comes into play. Discuss.

5) **Ponder:** The saying "A little bird told me" takes on importance in this story as the birds become messengers to various factions (Thorin & Company, the lakemen, the wood elves, contacting Thorin's cousin for help, etc.).

## ***Optional Activities***

- 1) Previous to Smaug, Lake-town did not have a fire company as the city was located in the middle of a lake. The idea of a fire company seemed foolish and redundant. However, after Smaug, the citizens of Lake-town have decided that they need a fire company. Please develop a proclamation to all as to the need of a fire company and for volunteers.
- 2) Lake-town Deliciously Delectable Confections & Candies want to honor Bard for slaying the dragon with his Black arrow. Help them out by making confections. Here are some ideas: (1) a chocolate cake with vanilla frosting ornamented by chocolate arrows, (2) fudge in the shape of an arrow, (3) arrows out of licorice, (4) cupcakes with jelly bean arrows, or whatever you choose to design.
- 3) Miraculous Middle Earth Card Company want to create cards commemorating Bard's birthday and the end of Smaug. Help them out. Design a variety of cards to be sent to others for this purpose (e.g., birthday, anniversary, thinking of you, get well soon, thank you, etc.).
- 4) Lake-town's Chamber of Commerce are deeply interested in what Deliciously Delectable Confections & Candies and Miraculous Middle Earth Card Company are producing. They have decided to make a special holiday out of Smaug's end and honor Bard. Name this holiday and develop celebrations that will eventually become traditions for the folks far and wide to remember this momentous event. (*Hint: For ideas think of celebrations and traditions for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Independence Day, etc.*).
- 5) Lake-town needs to be rebuilt. Make a map that includes not only residential areas but the Chamber of Commerce, Deliciously Delectable Confections & Candies, Miraculous Middle Earth Card Company, Middle Earth Armour, Savvy Map Company, Illumination Light Ltd., Gandalf's Academy of Elocution and Phraseology, Smaug's School of Flattery, Lake-town Rope, Raven Haven, Gandalf's Great Awakening Productions, Middle Earth Geology Zone Corporation, etc.

## ***What does Scripture say?***

Courage --- taking action in the face of danger

### A. Courage seen

Among enemies ... Ezra 5:11

In battle ... Judges 4:18-22

Against great foes ... Judges 7:7-23

Against great odds ... 1 Samuel 17:32,50

When threatened ... Daniel 3:16-18

When intimidated ... Daniel 6:10

When facing death ... Judges 16:28

In youth ... 1 Samuel 14:6-45

In old age ... Joshua 14:10-12

Before a king ... Esther 4:8,16

In a moral crises ... Neh. 13:1-31

### B. Men encouraged to be courageous

Leaders ... Deuteronomy 31:7

Joshua ... Joshua 1:5-7

Gideon ... Judges 7:11

Mary ...

the Shepherds ...