

# ENGLISH 9 Summer Reading

## Summer Reading Philosophy

Reading is a fundamental life skill, and it can also be a pleasurable and rewarding activity. The LCA English Department cares greatly about fostering in our students the enjoyment of quality literature as well as helping them achieve academic gains across *all* disciplines. Studies show that people who read more become stronger readers and writers and have better vocabulary and spelling skills. Independent reading outside the classroom is just as important as guided reading inside the classroom in developing these skills. Our goal is for all students to take ownership of their reading and know the pleasure of independence.

## REQUIRED Reading and Project: *The Hobbit*

*You should finish reading The Hobbit BEFORE the first day of classes. The Flipgrid recording should also be completed BEFORE the first day of classes.*

1. Read *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien.
2. When you have finished reading *The Hobbit*, create a **Flipgrid** book review for *The Hobbit* according to the instructions on the next page. Use the following link to record your 90-second review:

<https://flipgrid.com/b33fcf>

3. Be ready for a reading quiz during the first week of classes.

## Summer Reading Flipgrid Book Review Instructions

<https://flipgrid.com/b33fcf>

**Your job:** Create a Flipgrid book review for *The Hobbit* according to the following guidelines:

**Seconds 0–30:** Introduce yourself and the book

*Hey, Mr. Davis! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and this is a Flipgrid book review for \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_*

*My absolute favorite part of the book was \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_*

*My favorite character was \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_*

*I was really surprised when \_\_\_\_\_*

*I was a little confused about (or when) \_\_\_\_\_*

*Five new words I learned were \_\_\_\_\_*

*Something I noticed about the author's writing style was \_\_\_\_\_*

**Seconds 31–60:** Voice acting!

*Now, I'm going to read a little of the book to you...*

Here, select a part of the book that was really memorable for you... And then read it—*dramatically!* Pretend you are creating an audiobook and (voice) act your selection.

*Don't bore me to tears... but don't overdo it either! It's all about "just right!"* And remember: You only have 30 seconds to do it!

**Seconds 61–90:** Your recommendations

*In closing, other students might enjoy this book because \_\_\_\_\_ but they might struggle with \_\_\_\_\_*

*And people of all ages will enjoy this book because \_\_\_\_\_ but they might struggle with \_\_\_\_\_*

*I could personally relate most to the character of \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_*

*Something that happened in the book that reminded me of the Christian faith was \_\_\_\_\_*

*So, my ultimate conclusion is that I (do or do not) recommend this book because \_\_\_\_\_*

*Thanks for listening, and see you soon!*