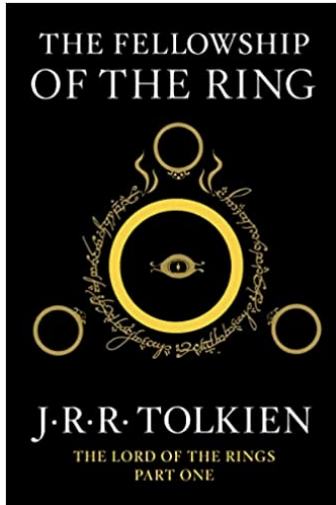


The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien



In ancient times the Rings of Power were crafted by the Elven-smiths, and Sauron, the Dark Lord, forged the One Ring, filling it with his own power so that he could rule all others. But it was lost. After many ages, it fell into the hands of Bilbo Baggins. In a sleepy

village in the Shire, young Frodo Baggins, Bilbo’s nephew and heir, finds himself faced with an immense task, as Bilbo entrusts the Ring to his care.

Assignment:

Select your favorite character and create a slideshow presentation (10 slides minimum) and video arguing why your character is the best one. The videos will be presented in class.

We will be spending the first few weeks in class on this book as our first novel unit, which will include written and timed assessments as well as debates and projects.

Please note I am aware that there is a film, *The Fellowship of the Ring (2000)*, based on the book. It’s a very good film (one of my favorites!). We’ll actually be watching in class as an analysis unit. However, there are several major changes from the original text, so I would not recommend relying on the film alone. Your summer reading test will be prior to watching the film in class.

Required texts for “Themes in Literature” and “Themes in Literature Honors” 2024-2025

Bradbury, Ray *Fahrenheit 451*

Lee, Harper *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Shakespeare, William *Much Ado About Nothing* Folger Library Edition (required)

Miscellaneous articles, short stories, and poetry provided by the instructor on Google Classroom