

Memories
of
a Class

a Journal

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The Hobbit My Favorite Song

Roads go ever on and on
Over rock and under tree,
By caves where sun has never shone,
By streams that never find the sea;
Over snow by winter sown,
And through the merry flowers of June,
Over grass and over stone,
And under mountains in the moon.

Roads go ever on and on
Under cloud and under star,
Yet feet that wandering have gone
Turn at last to home afar.
Eyes that fire and sword have seen
And honor in the halls of stone
Look at last on meadows green
And trees and hills they long
have known.

Hobbits



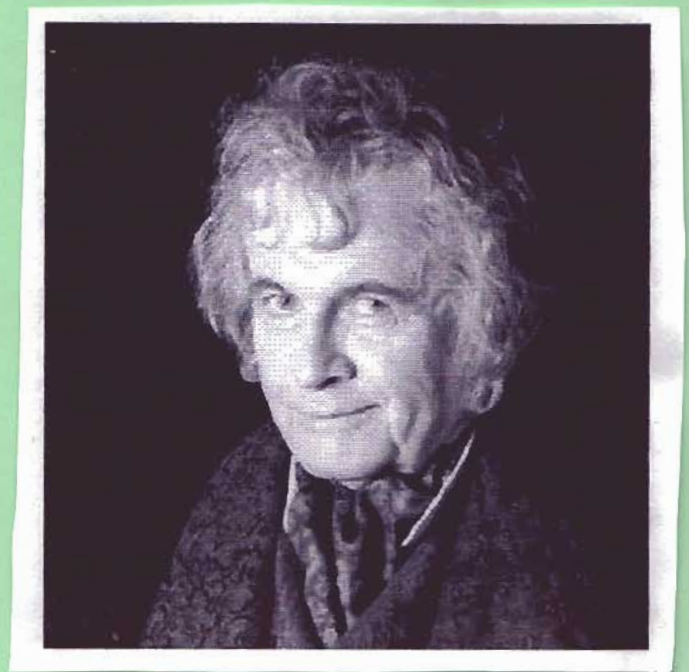
Merry + Pippin



Samwise Gamgee



Frodo Baggins



Bilbo Baggins

Group Discussions!!

Group 1



Steven, Kristen, James, Kenny, Sarah, Erica,
Scott + Laura

Group 2



Brandon, Benji, Kellan, Tom + Michelle



Sam Class I



← Rachel
on
Halloween

Lembas

What Tolkien says about Lembas

-They contain honey

-they are light-colored on the inside and light brown crust

-they are thin and regular-shaped. This implies they were made on some kind of griddle iron. The closest modern equivalent is a Krumkake iron. I used a pizzelle iron
Some other things we can guess.

They contain the fruit and maybe the flower-water of the Mallorn tree. I substituted oranges, although kumquats or a hand of Buddha fruit might be better.

They probably had some kind of finely ground light-colored nut in them. I used almonds.

They contained some kind of nourishing flour. I used semolina flour, which is a more primitive flour, and also more nourishing.

Galadriel probably used some kind of grinder to refine the ingredients. I used a blender.

The recipe:

3 eggs

1 cup honey (preferably wild honey)

1 tablespoon grated orange peel or three kumquats or one large finger of a hand of Buddha.

2 teaspoons orange flower water (optional)

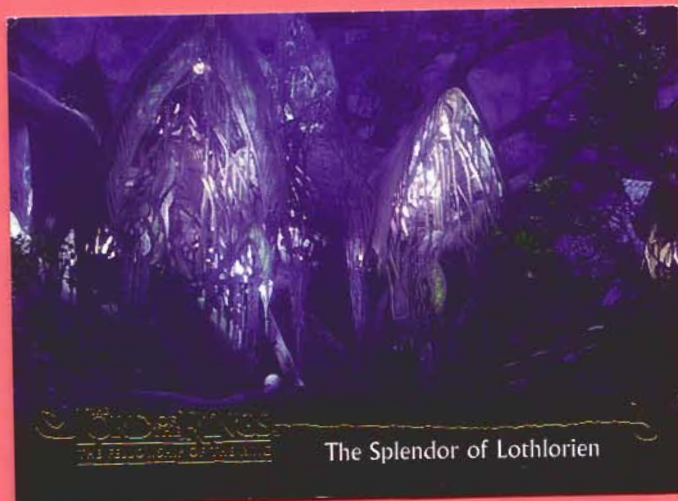
3 oz blanched almonds

1/4 cup melted butter

2-1/4 cups semolina flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

Place eggs, honey, orange peel or other fruit, orange flower water, and almonds in blender. Blend on high for 3 minutes. Add 1 cup of the flour. Blend for 1 minute. Scrap into a bowl and add remaining flour and salt. Whisk or stir until well blended. Bake lembas on a pizzelle or krumkake iron 15 seconds each or until lightly brown. You can substitute a waffle iron but add a teaspoon of baking powder. The texture will not be quite accurate in a waffle iron.



The Elves



Legolas - Prince of Mirkwood



Arwen + Elrond



Galadriel

Favorite

"Many that live deserve death. Some that die deserve life. Can you give it to them, Frodo? Do not be too eager to deal out death + judgment. Even the very wise cannot see all ends. My heart tells me that Gollum has some part to play yet, for good or ill, before this is over. The pity of Bilbo may rule the fate of the Ring." Gandalf

"I wish the Ring had never come to me I wish none of this had happened." Frodo

"So do all that come to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is ~~to~~ ^{what to} do with

Time

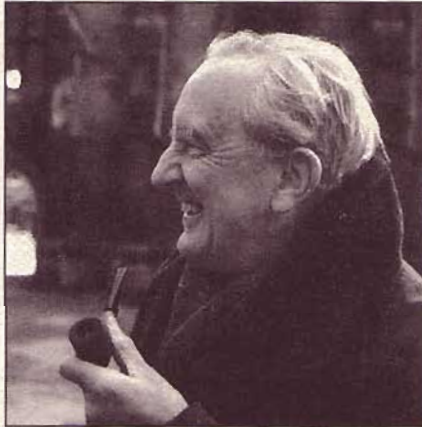
"The time that is given to us." - Gandalf



do
hes



Of I remember correctly, Rachel + Brandon had a very interesting debate on Eowyn that day. Of it wasn't thro day, well I still remember that the debate got very heated, but had everyone laughing.



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JOHN RONALD REUEL TOLKIEN was born to English parents in Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State of South Africa in 1892; the family moved back to England when he was just three. In 1911, Tolkien entered Exeter College, Oxford, and by 1919 he had received both his B.A. and his M.A. He was Professor of Anglo-Saxon at Oxford and a Fellow of Pembroke College from 1925 to 1945; and from 1945 to his retirement in 1959, he was Professor of English Language and Literature at Merton College. His chief interests were in the literary and linguistic aspects of the early English written tradition, especially *Beowulf* and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. But even as he studied these classics, he was creating heroic sagas of his own. *The Hobbit*—published in England in 1937—catapulted him to fame and gave rise to other major works, including *The Lord of the Rings*, originally published in England in 1954 and 1955. The books achieved their greatest popularity in the U.S. when they were published in paperback a decade after they first appeared. Tolkien also wrote *Smith of Wootton Major*, a fantasy novel that appeared in 1967, and *The Silmarillion*, a thematic forerunner of *The Hobbit* begun in 1917 but published posthumously in 1977. Tolkien was married to Edith Mary Bratt for 55 years, and they had four children. He died in 1973 in Bournemouth, England. To date, Tolkien's work has been translated into twenty-five languages and has entranced millions of readers of all ages.

A Biography
of one of
the biggest
literary geniuses
of our time.

Tolkien has
been and will
always be
one of my
favourite authors,
as he wrote
the books I
would take
with me if
stranded on a
deserted island.



a map



Kenny + Sarah



Our Group
Sarah, Kenny, Steve, Kristen + me

Stories Read

Besides The Hobbit
and
The Lord of the Rings

1. On Fairy Stories - Tolkien's essay on why Fairy Stories (Fantasy Stories) are important, not only to children, but also to adults.
2. Leaf by Niggle - a story about a man named Niggle, who just wanted to paint and dream, but who got caught up in other's life. He eventually got to live his dream.
3. Smith of Wotton Major - The story of a man given an Elvish gift, a star placed upon his forehead, and his journey in life.

4. Farmer Giles of Ham. - A man who lived a simple life, but through the designs of fate, became something much more.

5. The Silmarillion - The History of the Elves. This story has brought about the longest & most interesting debates in class, mostly between Kristen & Brandon. It has been argued that this is Tolkien's greatest literary work.

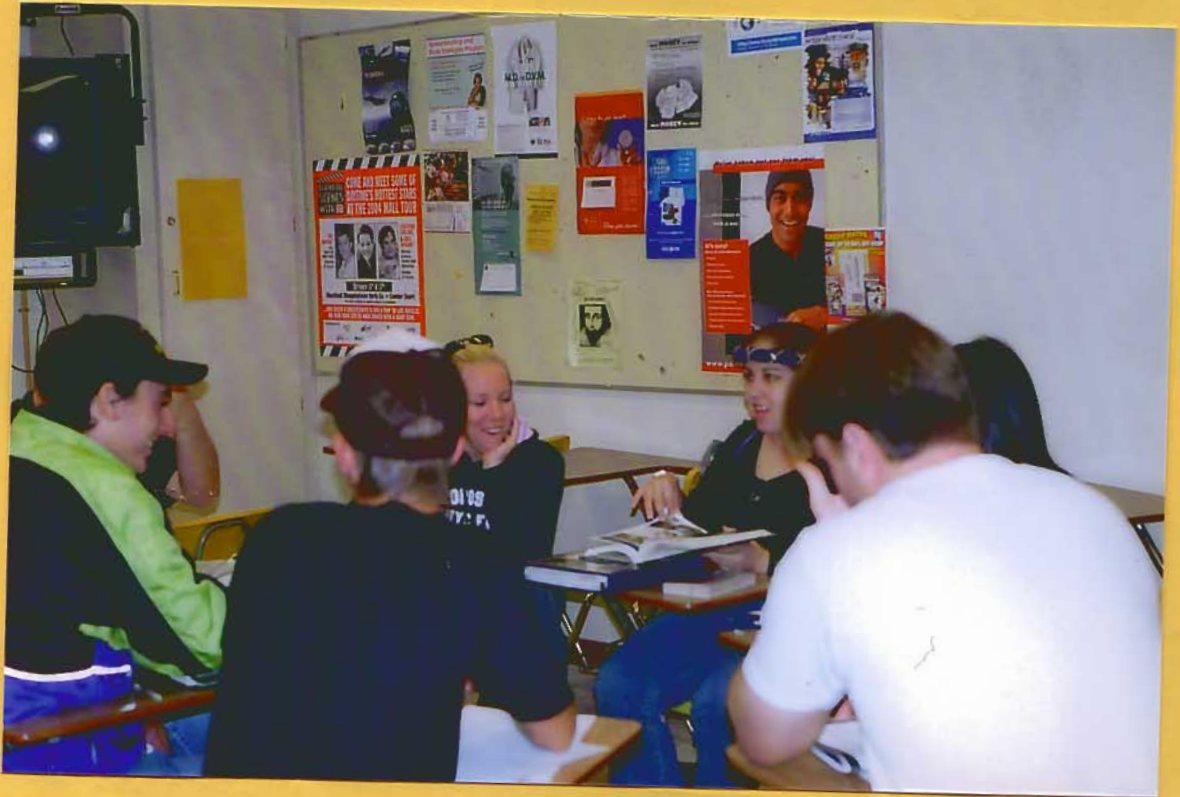


10-minute write

This happened before group discussions, which meant we started @ 8am, usually before everyone was fully awake. Then we got our coffee breaks and we were good to go.



Our Beloved Groups.



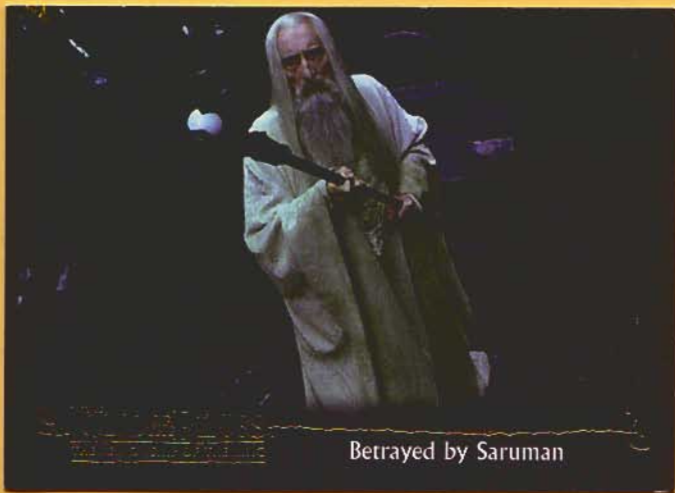
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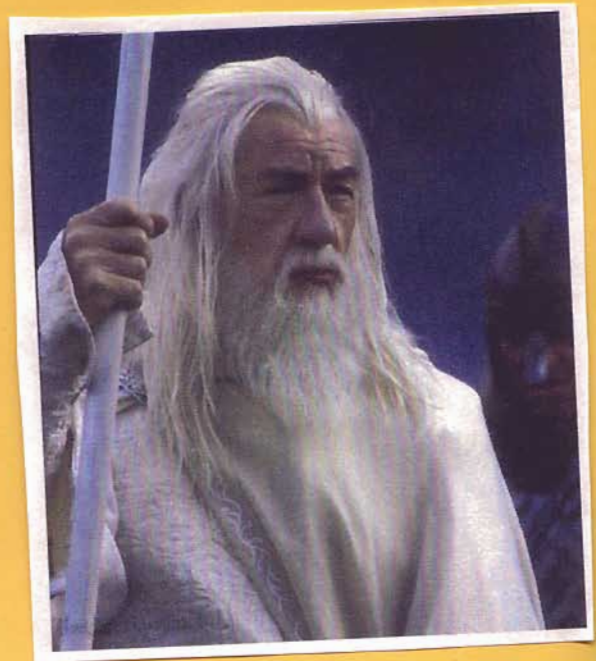
Gandalf



Sauruman + Grima



Sauruman



Gandalf

And of men



Aragorn + Eowyn



Boromir + Faramir

Elves + Elvish

My Favourite Elves:

1. Legolas
2. Galadriel
3. Arwen
4. Varda - Queen of the Stars - because I love the stars
5. Oriam

Elvish words

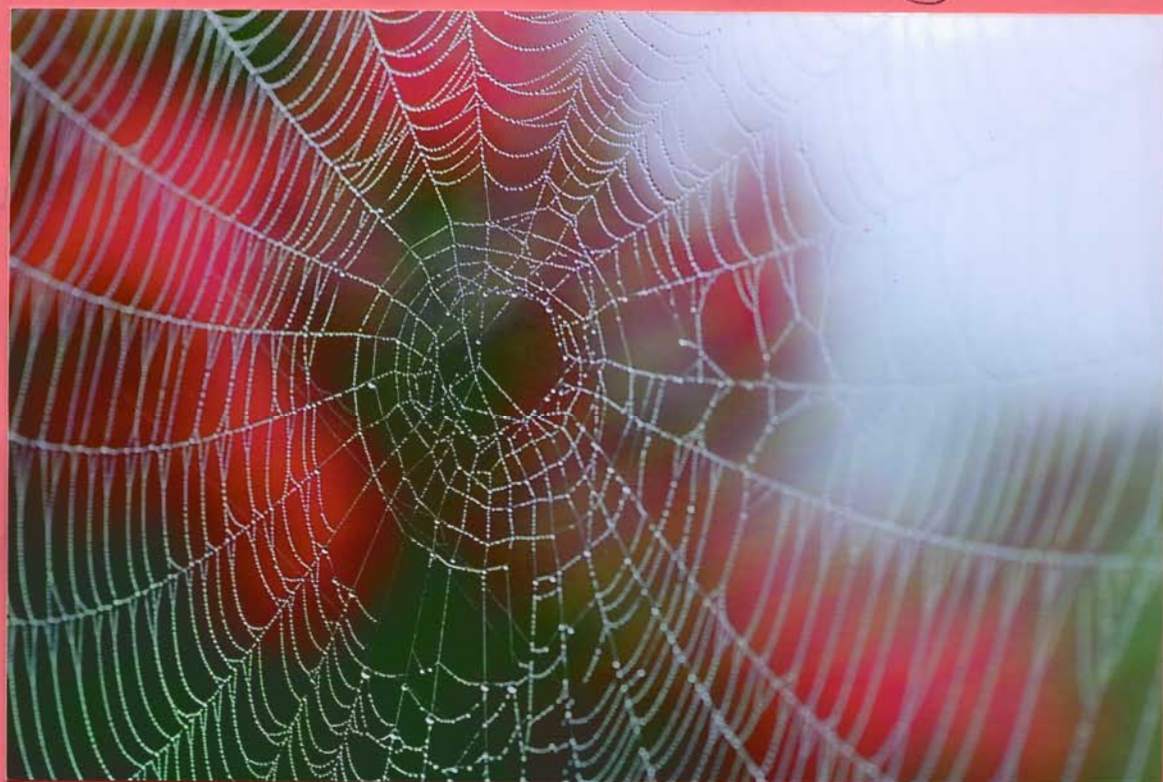
My favourite words ^{shinop} in Elvish

<u>English</u>		<u>Elvish</u>
1. Dreamer	—	Kaimelar
2. Star	—	Elen
3. Life	—	Coia
4. Laugh	—	Lala
5. Peace	—	Seere
6. Friend	—	Mellon

My favorite things about Tolkien

1. Hobbits - I just love them!
2. Elvish - the language, I really want to learn how to speak.
3. His imagination - to create what he did, it's something I could only hope to imagine.
4. The Lord of the Rings. My all time favorite story, I have 3 sets of the books.
5. Samwise Gamgee - My favorite character.
6. The Elves - They seem like something you wish could be real. They are the fairy tale, in a way.
7. The Hobbit - my favorite book to read on dreary days.

A Picture I took on the way to class.



It reminded me of the spiders
in Tolkien's ^{stories} ~~beauty~~, and it just
seemed so beautiful, like something
Elvish

Memories from Classmates

In their own words

Ben: Now this book is so cool... Special cookies!

Stephanie: This class has helped me realize the true genius of Tolkien and develop a new appreciation for his works. Thank you!

Mitchelle: This has been a blast. I love getting to know more about the books and the author.
Thanks

Brandon - Tolkien's Faerie.

A place, real but unreachable by man, a place of the supernatural (or the truly natural) that we may only see by report or from a distance.

Luke - You did a good job on the book
thanks

Very nice work. I've enjoyed this class and all the discussions.

- Scott

Kellan - The insights and new ways of thinking brought up in the discussion groups

Kristin: My favorite memories were when our group just happened to digress and start talking about Orlando Bloom and how drop-dead he is. (By our group I mean you and me, Laura... HA!) And of Sarah trying to get us all to FOCUS!

Erika - I learned so much about Tolkien and his works - I had a blast! It was fun getting to know all the people in my group as well. I'll miss this class

Sarah - I wasn't sure about this class when I started, but it's become my favorite one... another reason to look forward to Friday! I especially loved our study in small groups. We had a great group & I know I'll miss everyone & their diverse opinions. There were always great laughs. It always made me laugh when Kristin "led" the discussion on LOTR! I'll really miss this class!!

James - This class was taken for pleasure and it has been one. I have looked forward to Fridays all semester. I've loved the discussions and the new insights they've brought me.
Many thanks ^{to} you all.

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Javvax Characters

Jana - Samwise Gangee + Faramir

Scott - Legolas + Gimli

Sarah - Aragorn & Pippin

Erika - Faramir & Eowyn

Kristin - Eomer and Elrond

Steve - Elrond and Gandalf

James - Samwise and Aragorn

Kellen - Gandalf and Sauron

Tom - Gandalf and Gimli

Michelle - Elves - Galadriel + Arwen

Benji - Aragorn + Gandalf

Brandon - Ulmo + Tuor

Stephanie - Legolas & Sam!

Chris - Luthien, Eowyn, Sam, Muggle, Smith

Favourite Book of Tolkien's

Jama - The Two Towers

Scott - The Two Towers

Sarah - The Lord of the Rings

Erika - The Return of the King

Kristin - Silmarillion

Steve - Silmarillion

James - The Two Towers

Kellen - Silmarillion

Tom - Silmarillion

Michelle - The Lord of The Rings

Benji - Leaf by Niggle

Brandon - Leaf by Niggle

Chris - Fellowship of the Ring, "Leaf by Niggle," "Smith of Wootton Major," Return of the King, Two Towers, Silmarillion (especially "Annulindale") - oh, heck, all of them.

Laura,

I so appreciate your putting together a
visual record of our class. It always amazes
me that Palomar is willing to pay me to do what
I love to do - talk about J.R.R. Tolkien and all
his works, his memes, his creativity, his insights.
I look forward to his class every week, his class,
especially because of the thoughtful, well-informed,
and, yes, opinionated discussions we can get into.
I have learned more about Tolkien from my
interaction with the class, and that pleases ^{me} more
than anything. I hope I will encounter the
members of his class in other literature classrooms
so I can continue to share my love of reading
and exchanging ideas. This will be a class
of individuals I will long remember with fondness.

Chris Bartly