**Lord of the Rings - Theme Analysis**

**WebQuest Description**: In this webquest you will use the information you have learned about the elements of fiction and apply them to "Lord of the Rings" by J. R. R. Tolkien. Image courtesy of https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lord_of_the_Rings_%28film_series%29.

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**Introduction**

Book cover image courtesy of https://www.reddit.com/r/tolkienfans/comments/39xhu7/what_was_the_cover_on_the_first_version_of_lotr/. In this webquest you will take what you have learned about theme and story development to build a plot map. This plot map will demonstrate that you have an understanding of the theme present in a text as well as a mastery over its development. The "Lord of the Rings" book series have been widely popular in recent years. They have been published in many languages and have been modified for film. I am sure you are familiar with the film adaptations and we will be using these to assess your understanding of the elements of fiction. This webquest satisfies Common Core State Standard RL 9.2 and 9.7.*CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.2Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.*CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.7Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each treatment.*CCSS retrieved from [http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/9-10/](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/9-10/)

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**Tasks**

For this webquest you are going to examine the theme of the "Lord of the Rings" film adaptations. You will: Watch a brief introduction to "The Lord of the Rings" and its author J. R. R. Tolkien. Create a blog where you will post your findings. Watch various Youtube clips to find the information you need to construct a plot map. Identify the theme present in the work. Answer a set of questions and post the material to your blog.Image courtesy of [https://c2.staticflickr.com/8/7008/6636682381_a977b5926.jpg](https://c2.staticflickr.com/8/7008/6636682381_a977b5926.jpg).

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**Process**

This webquest will be completed in individually and has three parts. The first part will be to identify the four elements of fiction in the work. The second part will be to create a plot map based on the youtube clips. The third task is to analyze and answer questions based on what you have created. Before you begin, scroll to the bottom and watch the introduction to the story. This provides useful information about the author and the story. When finished with the webquest, copy the URL of your blog into a word document and email it to your teacher. Part I: Create a blog on www.blogster.com. Here, I want you to create a blog and for your first post, identify the four elements of fiction. Under each element, write a short description of this element as it relates to the film. Find at least one image for each element of fiction (remember there are 4). Part II: Using editing software like MS Paint, create a plot map like the image above. Make sure you label each section on the map. In place of writing examples, find Youtube clips that directly relate to each section of the plot map. Save the plot map as a jpg and upload it to your blog. Part III: After you have completed the previous sections, answer the following questions in your group's blog: 1. What is the theme present in the film? Provide three examples that support your answer. 2. Compare the plot points you have found on Youtube to the book. How are they different, similar? 3. How did the setting contribute to the theme of the film? Explain your answer in full sentences. Construct a separate setting that would provide an alternate theme. You have now finished the "Lord of the Rings" webquest. Remember to save/post all of your responses to your blog. Make sure to email your teacher the url address of your blog.

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**Evaluation**

The webquest assignment will be evaluated based on the completion of parts 1-3. Make sure your answers and posts are creative and informative.
Congratulations on finishing the film analysis. Remember, all works of fiction contain a plot. Think about how easy or difficult it was to locate it in the film version. Think about the differences that the film presented from the book. I hope you had fun and learned more about fiction. *Image courtesy of https://c2.staticflickr.com/8/7357/16240442360_c50efc183e_z.jpg.

This webquest requires that the students have access to Youtube, blogster, email, and word processing software.

**Standards**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.2
Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.7
Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each treatment.

**Credits**

**Other**