**Chapter 12 Inside Information**

1. **A Change in Leadership**
2. Who was the original leader of the dwarves in the opening Chapter?
3. Who became the group leader during the early adventures of their journey?
4. Who had become the leader by the time the group reaches the Lonely Mountain?
5. Explain how each character earned the role of leader.
6. Bilbo has to now fulfill his role as the burglar.
7. Do you think Bilbo has earned his share of the treasure yet or do you agree with the dwarves? Explain/
8. Explain how Bilbo disproves the earlier statement “ More like a grocer than a burglar…” in this chapter.
9. How does Smaug react when he discovers what Bilbo has done?
10. **Bilbo and Smaug Meet**
11. How did Smaug discover Bilbo on their second visit?
12. Describe Smaug – include a sketch or drawing.
13. What does Bilbo discover to be the safest way to talk to a dragon? Explain.
14. What previous experiences has Bilbo had that may have helped prepare him talking to Smaug?
15. What does Smaug think of the dwarfs plan and what does he accuse them of?
16. Why is Smaug convinced he is” invincible”?
17. What weakness does Bilbo discover about Smaug?
18. Bilbo notices a thrush watching his encounter with Smaug.
19. Why does Bilbo distrust the thrush at first?

1. What legend do we learn about the thrush in this chapter?
2. Why do dwarves trap themselves in the secret passageway?
3. What threat does Smaug end this chapter with?