**Chapter Fourteen-- Fire and Water**

1. Where was Smaug during the dwarves escape from the Lonely Mountain?
2. How do the people of Laketown prepare to battle Smaug?
3. What important role does the old thrush play in aiding the townspeople?
4. a. Who is the hero of the day?

b. Explain how Smaug is destroyed?

c. Describe your feelings about this most important event to this story.

1. a. Why did the townspeople want to elect a new Master of Laketown following this event?

b. How does the Master redirect the crowd’s anger?

c. Why do you think he is allowed to remain the leader?

1. What two items of news spread throughout the land now?
2. Who do the townspeople ask for help after this crisis? Why?

**Vocabulary:**

forging,

prophecies,

quench

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ablaze,

descendant,

slain,

valour,

benefactors,

carcase

**Enrichment:**  In a short ten minute brainstorming session outline the qualities of a leader.  Break off into small groups of three or four and select two characters from the novel.  Using the various leadership traits discussed in the brainstorming session, compare and contrast their leadership abilities.  Characters might include: the Elvenking, the Hobbit, Thorin, Gandalf, and the Master