**Chapter Fifteen-- The Gathering of the Clouds**

1.a Why is the thrush unable to communicate his message to the dwarves?

b. Who is Roac and why is he able to communicate?

2a. What news does Roac bring to the dwarves?

b. . How does Thorin react after hearing the news?

c. Who does Thorin send a message for help to?

3. a. What does Bard, the Elvenking and their armies want from the dwarves?

b. Why does Thorin refuse?

c. What does this show about Thorin and the dwarves?

4. . What is the result of this decision?

5. Do you think Thorin is being just and fair in this decision? Explain.

Vocabulary:

carrion,

fortifying,

parley,

heir,

kindred,

repent,

truce

Enrichment: Write and perform with some of your classmates a song that tells the story from the perspective of one of the characters. Be sure to employ a variety of instruments