**Chapter Nineteen “The Last Stage”**

1. Where was Bilbo’s last stop before reaching home?
2. How did Bilbo’s fortune increase before finally reaching home?
3. a. What scene does Bilbo find when he finally returns to his home?

b. How was Bilbo treated by the other hobbits upon his return?

c. What reasons can you give to explain why he was treated like this?

1. a. Who returned to visit Bilbo in the later years to share old times?

b. What new developments do we learn from this reunion that occurred after Bilbo’s departure from the rest of the Company?

1. What does Gandalf mean in his closing statement:

 “Surely you don’t disbelieve in prophecies, because you had a hand in bringing them about yourself? You really don’t suppose, do you, that all your adventures and escapes were managed by mere luck, just for your sole benefit?”

1. With the conclusion of this story – Tolkien has set the stage for his most famous trilogy “The Lord of the Rings”.

What parts of this story create a foundation fo*r the Trilogy?*