**THE RETURN OF THE KING : LOR Part Three**

**Lesson One**

Frodo and Sam, with Gollum as guide, are making their way toward Mordor and Mount Doom to destroy the Ring of Power. Meanwhile, Rohan and Gondor prepare for battle. Gandalf and Pippin ride to Minas Tirith, City of Kings, to hep defend the realm of Gondor, Aragorn, Legolas and GImli go to ask for help from those who live in the Cursed Mountains.

**Watch scene 6:** After Pippin take the Palantir (crystal ball) from sleeping Gandalf to sneak a peek at it, he sees a frightening vision of the future, and consequently draws the attention of Sauron’s Eye.

1. Pippin’s first reaction after Gandalf revives him is to ask for forgiveness. Why?
2. Why does Gandalf believe Pippin’s answer?
3. In answer to Merry’s angry question—“Why did you have to look?”—Pippin says, “I can’t help it.” Is this just another way of saying, “The devil made me do it”? DO you think he’s responsible for what he did?
4. How does Merry’s and Pippin’s friendship change in this scene? Or does it?

**Watch scene 7:** As she sadly leaves Rivendell with the rest of the Elves heading to safety, Arwen has a vision and turns back.

1. How did the vision motivate Arwen to abandon her escape and return to almost certain death and disaster?
2. Elrond tries to persuade her that, even if her fondest hopes came true, it would be better for her to leave Rivendell. Why?
3. Why doe she decide to stay, even though she recognizes the truth of her father’s words?

Watch scene 18: With Boromir dead, Denethor, Steward of Gondor, goads his younger son, Faramir, into trying to retake Osgiliath, which had just fallen to Sauron’s Orc legion.

1. Why does Pippin pledge fealty to Denethor?
2. Knowing the high risk of trying to retake Osgiliath, an embittered Denethor nevertheless challenges his younger son Faramir, saying, “Is there a captain here who still has the courage to do his lord’s will? Why would he send his son to certain death? And why would his son accept such a challenge?
3. In return, Faramir challenges his father in a different way, How?

**Watch scene 22:** Elrond arrives at Theoden’s battle camp to tell Aragorn that Arwen is dying and to give him Anduril, the re-forged historic sword of Elendil.

1. Elrond has several important reasons for coming to talk to Aragorn. What are they?
2. How are his reasons related?

**Watch scene 23:**

1. The Rohirim soldiers, and even Eowyn, think Aragorn is leaving the battle---deserting. Why do you think he doesn’t tell them what he is really doing?