



The J.R.R. Tolkien Lecture Series

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15, 45-minute videos

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Introduction to Tolkien and his ideas about fantasy literature. Analysis of the “The Hobbit”, “Lord of the Rings Books 1-6”, and the book of “The Silmarillion.

Program #1: Introduction to Tolkien

This video provides an introduction to Tolkien and his ideas about fantasy literature as expressed in his essay “On Fairy Stories.” TRT 46:00:02

Program #2: Short Stories

This video discusses three of Tolkien’s short stories, “Leaf by Niggle”, “Smith of Wootton Major,” and “Farmer Giles of Ham”, and how they reflect Tolkien’s philosophical ideas about the purposes of fantasy stories. TRT 45:59:29

Program #3: The Hobbit, Part 1

The video explains how to analyze any story or novel, and begins the discussion of The Hobbit by looking at the overall plot and motifs and beginning the discussion of the major characters. TRT 46:02:23

Program #4: The Hobbit, Part 2

This video continues the discussion of The Hobbit with an analysis of the characters, setting, important objects, motifs, and themes. TRT 47:00:00

Program #5: Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Book 1

This video begins the discussion of The Lord of the Rings with an analysis of the plot, characters, setting, important objects, motifs, themes, and important passages in Book 1 from The Fellowship of the Ring. TRT 44:30:00

Program #6: Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Book 2

This video continues the discussion of The Lord of the Rings with an analysis of the plot, characters, setting, important objects, motifs, themes, and important passages in Book 2 from The Fellowship of the Ring. TRT 45:30:00

Program #7: Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Book 3

This video continues the discussion of The Lord of the Rings with an analysis of the plot, characters, setting, important objects, motifs, themes, and important passages in Book 3 from The Two Towers. TRT 46:30:00

Program #8: Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Book 4

This video continues the discussion of The Lord of the Rings with an analysis of the plot, characters, setting, important objects, motifs, themes, and important passages in Book 4 from The Two Towers. TRT 45:00:00

Program #9: Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, Book 5

This video continues the discussion of The Lord of the Rings with an analysis of the plot, characters, setting, important objects, motifs, themes, and important passages in Book 5 from The Return of the King. TRT 46:30:00

Program #10: Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, Book 6

This video continues the discussion of The Lord of the Rings with an analysis of the plot, characters, setting, important objects, motifs, themes, and important passages in Book 6 from The Return of the King. TRT 47:00:02

Program #11: The Silmarillion: “Ainulindale”

This video analyzes Tolkien’s creation myth as presented in “Ainulindale,” the first book of The Silmarillion. TRT 45:30:00

Program #12: The Silmarillion: “Valequenta” and “Quenta Silmarillion”

This video analyzes Tolkien’s pantheon of gods as presented in “Valequenta,” the second book of The Silmarillion, and begins the discussion of the history of the Elves, as presented in “Quenta Silmarillion”, chapters 1-12. TRT 46:00:02

Program #13: The Silmarillion: “Quenta Silmarillion”

This video continues the history of the Elves, as presented in “Quenta Silmarillion”, chapters 13-24, including the stories of “Turin Turambar” and “Earendil”. TRT 46:30:00

Program #14: The Silmarillion: “Quenta Silmarillion” and “Beren and Luthien”

This video discusses Tolkien favorite story, “Beren and Luthien”, as presented in chapter 19 of the “Quenta Silmarillion” in The Silmarillion and in Lord of the Rings. TRT 45:59:29

Program #15: The Silmarillion: “Akallabeth” and “Of the Rings of Power and the Third Age”

This video continues the history of the Middleearth with a discussion of the history of men as presented in “Akallabeth” and “Of the Rings of Power and the Third Age”.

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