

J. R. R. Tolkien's

THE HOBBIT

"John Tolkien on The Hobbit"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36ovMYA5SA>

Due November ?

Comparison/Contrast Writing Assignment

Do YouTube commenters actually know anything?

"I do not believe what I am seeing. *Star Wars* has nothing to do with *The Hobbit* or *LOTR* apart from good v. evil, which most stories have."

"TOLKIEN WROTE *STAR WARS*.
LUCAS IS A THIEF."

THE DEBATE

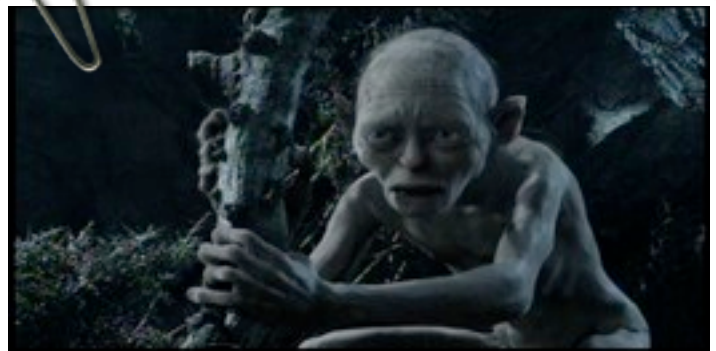
A ferocious debate (interestingly, utterly without convincing evidence and composed almost entirely of ad hominem attacks—which is common on YouTube) is raging in the comments section of a YouTube video in which Tolkien is discussing how he began writing *The Hobbit*.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Is there even a place for such an argument? What evidence exists that the two stories are similar? How are they different? How would you respond to the inept commenters on YouTube (which I don't recommend actually doing, by the way, because feeding trolls just encourages their bad behavior).

THE ASSIGNMENT

Write a two-page, double spaced paper with Times New Roman font size 12 using MLA style in which you compare and contrast *Star Wars* and *The Hobbit*.



Thief! George Lucas! We hates it forever!



Did Tolkien write Star Wars?



What about this guy's role!

"A hero ventures forth from the world of common day into a region of supernatural wonder: fabulous forces are there encountered and a decisive victory is won: the hero comes back from this mysterious adventure with the power to bestow boons on his fellow man."

See the rubric for this assignment on the reverse. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Huff.