

The Fellowship of the Ring

From the Lord of The Rings

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LITERARY UNIT STUDY BY LEARN FOR YOUR LIFE

ACTIVITY FROM CHAPTER 10 - BOOK 2

INFLUENCE OF THE RING

Both Galadriel and Gandalf refused the ring because they said it would corrupt them even though they would desire to use it for good. Below are the words in the text about Boromir and his plans. His words demonstrate his descent from good-intentions to bad-intentions.

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY

Put an X at the point where he starts to show corruption; xx where corruption is getting stronger, and xxx where it has overtaken him.

GROUP ACTIVITY

Out loud together: Students boo or give thumbs down signal as they start to disagree. Boos can go from quiet to loud.

We (of Minas Tirith) do not desire the power of wizard-lords, only the strength to defend ourselves.

It is a gift, I say; a gift to the foes of Mordor. It is mad not use it, to use the power of the Enemy against him.

The fearless, the ruthless, these alone will achieve victory.

What could not a warrior do in this hour, a great leader?

What could not Aragorn do? Or if he refuses, why not Boromir?

The Ring would give me power of Command. How I would drive the hosts of Mordor and all men would flock to my banner.

He drew plans for great alliances and glorious victories to be; and he cast down Mordor, and became himself a mighty king, benevolent and wise.

If any mortals have claim to the Ring, it is the men of Numenor and not halflings.

It is not yours save by unhappy chance. It might have been mine. It should be mine. Give it to me!

Curse you and all halflings to death and to darkness.

MIDDLE EARTH HISTORY

The full unit study provides background information from Tolkien's early works to explain how the ring was able to corrupt others like Boromir.