Mr. Valentine’s 10th Grade English – Vocabulary List for Unit 3, Week 2

**1. Lore – Noun -**the body of knowledge, especially of a traditional, anecdotal, or popular nature, on a particular subject:

**2. Lycanthropy – Noun –** The fictional condition of a human who can turn into a wolf or wolf-like being, sometimes unwillingly, sometimes by disease or curse.

**3. MacGuffin – Noun -** a plot device in a work of fiction, often a physical object, that drives the plot forward without factoring into the story’s resolution:

**4. Midgard – Noun –** The world of humankind in Norse mythology, the middle world upon the world tree, the middle earth.

**5. Saga – Noun -** a medieval Icelandic or Norse prose narrative of achievements and events in the history of a personage, family, etc.

**6. Shield-Maiden – Noun -** A female warrior from Scandinavian folklore and mythology.

**7. Valkyrie – Noun -** any of the beautiful maidens attendant upon Odin who bring the souls of slain warriors chosen by Odin or Tyr to Valhalla and there wait upon them.

**8. Weregild / Wergild – Noun -** money paid to the relatives of a murder victim in compensation for loss and to prevent a blood feud.

**9. Withal – Adverb -** with it all; as well; besides; in spite of all; nevertheless; *Archaic*. with that; therewith.

**10. Yggdrassil – Noun –** The world tree in Norse mythology.

Practice Problems

1. Throughout the film, folks were either looking for, stealing, transporting, or destroying the briefcase, but it didn’t really matter what was in the briefcase. It could have been anything really, as long as it moved the plot forward. Thus, the item in the briefcase was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the film’s plot.

2. Eowyn fought alongside the male soldiers in secret and slew the Lord of the Nazgul, making her a good example of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Aged beyond knowing, powerful beyond reckoning, yet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, human and approachable.

4. Many modern fantasy stories, such as the plot of *Elden Ring*, situate their imagined worlds around a massive tree, much like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

5. When the Swedish and Danish warriors died in battle, they saw winged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ come to carry them away.

6. Vikings called this world, the world we’re in, the mortal living world of earth, by the name of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

7. Some folks learn everything about a fantasy book, film, or game’s story, mythology, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; others just consume and enjoy without necessarily caring to go deeper.

8. In the Shakira song, “She-Wolf,” she sings, “Darling, it is no joke; this is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

9. When the story covered not only King Joe-Bob, but the adventures of his children and grandchildren, Gilbert knew he was reading a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

10. In *Beowulf*, the title character’s father kills a warrior from another clan in battle, and King Hrothgar helps pay his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to save his life from vengeance, incurring a life-debt that Beowulf seeks to repay.