ENGL 350 :Tolkien and Language

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Since this is a half-online or 'hybrid' course, it will be vital to read all of the assigned readings.

2. Each week, there will be one or two new posts on the blog. Each student is required to respond in the comment field – but these of course can and should be informal, spontaneous responses. I won't look them over for grammar or spelling! Think of them as a sort of online conversation, extending our classroom time. Feel free to respond more than once, or to reply to other responders!

3. Working with me, each of you will choose a topic for your course paper. It can focus on any aspect of Tolkien and language – his sources, his languages themselves, the effect of the invented languages, or on the broader theme of invented languages generally. We'll look to have an agreed-upon topic for each of you by the end of Week III.

4. I'll be happy to read drafts at any time. The final version of the paper will be due at our last class meeting.

5. The final grade will be based roughly 1/3 each on your <u>in-class</u> and <u>on-blog</u> participation (comments, thoughts, and overall preparedness) and 1/3 your final paper.