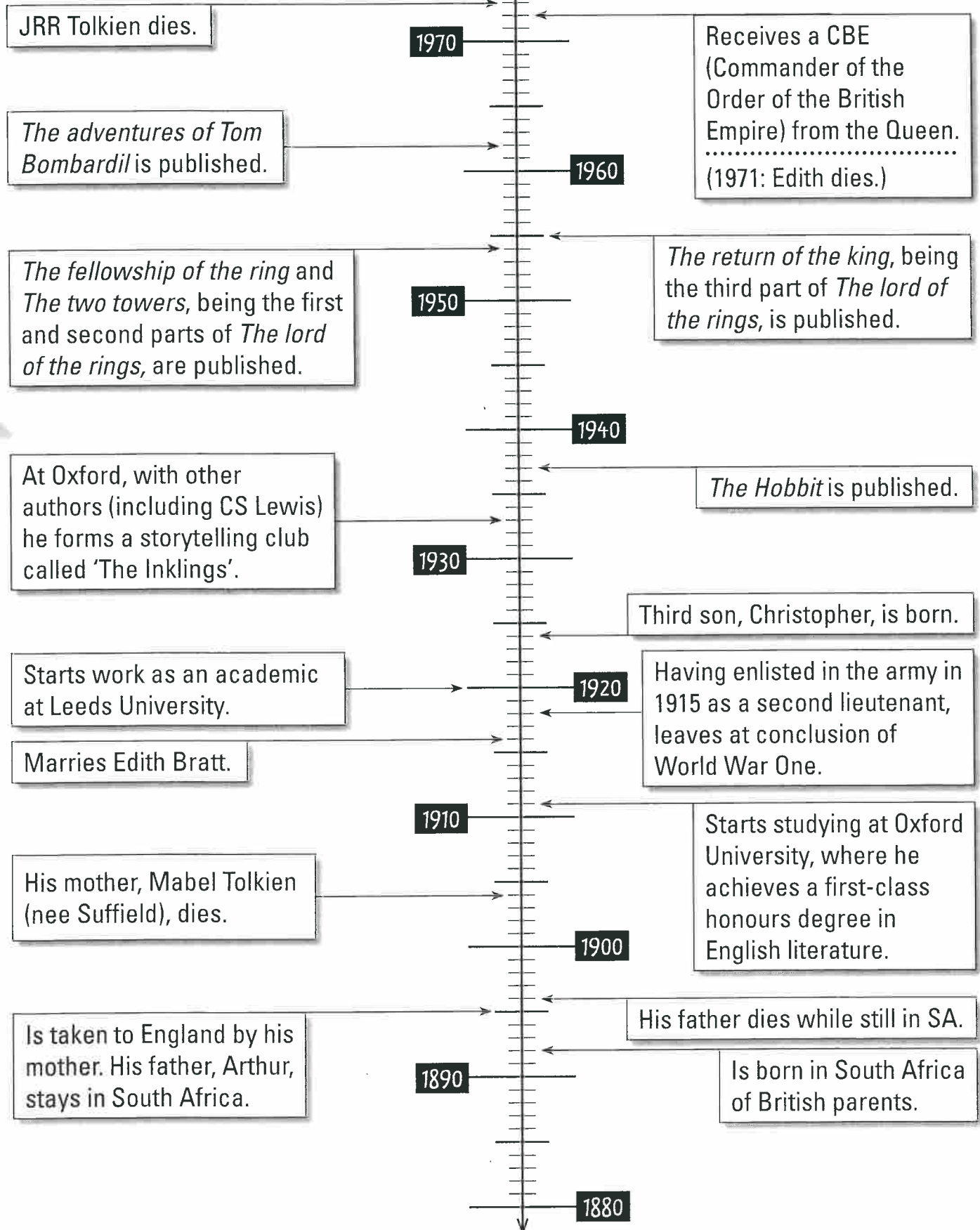
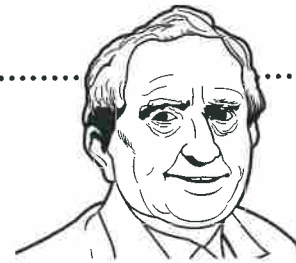


# The life of John Ronald Reuel Tolkien

TIME LINE

This time line shows some of the important events in the life of the well-known author, John Ronald Reuel Tolkien.



*In each multiple-choice question, one of the answers is correct, two are incorrect and one is totally, even absurdly, wrong.*

*In a group, read the questions and discuss why the absurd answers are so wrong.*

Use the time line on page 5 to answer the questions.

For each question, shade the bubble beneath the answer you think is correct.



**1** John Ronald Reuel Tolkien is best known by the name:

John Smith.

☐

Gandalf.

☐

Time Line.

☐

JRR Tolkien.

☐

**2** Why does the time line have arrowheads at both its top and bottom?

To show where it begins and ends.

☐

To show that time is continuous.

☐

To show that it is a foreign concept.

☐

To show it is exactly one hundred years in length.

☐

**3** When was *The Hobbit* published?

1837

☐

1932

☐

1937

☐

2012

☐

**4** What was Tolkien's father's first name?

Mr Tolkien

☐

Brian

☐

Arthur

☐

Ronald

☐

**5** In the time line, what do the letters 'SA' refer to?

South Australia

☐

Super Author

☐

South America

☐

South Africa

☐

Use the time line on page 5 to answer the questions.

6 What was Tolkien's mother's surname before she became Mrs Tolkien?

She didn't have one.

☐

Suffield

☐

Mabel

☐

Reuel

☐

7 Why are the notices about Tolkien's CBE and his wife's death listed in the same information box?

They happened the same year.

☐

One caused the other to happen.

☐

The box would appear too small.

☐

It is clearer to read than each being in separate boxes.

☐

8 When was Tolkien married and when was his third son born?

1892 & 1924

☐

1916

☐

1916 & 1924

☐

1918 & 1919

☐

9 What are the titles of the three parts of *The lord of the rings*?

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10 What is the 'prequel' to *The lord of the rings*? ('Prequel' means 'comes before'.)

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## SOMETHING EXTRA

- Find out more about Tolkien's life.
- Tolkien's brother, Hilary, had a dog that was called Bilbo when it was good and Baggins when it was bad. Find out the connection between this and Tolkien's work.
- The time line mentions the author CS Lewis. Find out what he wrote and why not read some of his works, too!



My timeline – the first ten years.

Make your own timeline showing interesting and important events in your life so far e.g. when you started school/ when siblings were born/ when you got a pet/ learned a new skill/ moved house ....

Set the timeline out and label it in a similar way to Tolkien's timeline.

