

1.

The Grave of Alaric

This is a passage of a diary. The first part is a geographic description of Cosenza. It is a town which is built on a hillside, where there are two rivers which mingle their waters under one name, the Crati. It was four o'clock and the writer, Gissing, in a carriage with many people, entered a narrow street between houses so near and so high to cover the sky. They were searching for their inn and the driver found it. Gissing wanted to discover the place where Alaric died. He was a king of Visigoth who came here to conquer the Sicily, but, when he arrived in Consentia, he fell sick and he died. He was buried close to the confluence of the Busento and the Crati. But this place is in the center of the city and all the people could see the scene. So this story must be incorrect and, says Gissing, the place of the burial could be at least half a mile away. Now the writer starts a second description of the town, which was composed by a medieval castle, houses very high with many balconies, a sunny square with many buildings, a public garden and many fountains.

2

The Hobbit

The story relates of red-golden dragon, Smaug, that preserved a treasure. But one day a hobbit, called Bilbo, secretly went into the cave of Smaug, to steal gems and jewels.

When Bilbo went near the dragon, he woke up and felt his air. So Bilbo told him that he went in the cave to see if the story of Smaug the tremendous and of his treasure was true.

The characters of the story are: the Hobbit called Bilbo and the red-golden dragon, called Smaug.

The story is set in Smaug's cave.

This is a fantasy novel. In this passage there are a lot of adjectives, in fact it is a descriptive text, where the character uses also riddling.

3.

Treasure Island

Treasure island is one of the most important novels of all times. It is set in the eighteenth century and the main character of this novel is Jim Hawkins. Jim is a boy who lives with his parents in an inn near the sea of Bristol. Here Jim and his mother, after the death of his father, open a secret chest where they find a map. Jim shows the map to some of his friends, who discover that this is the map of captain Flint's legendary treasure. Afterwards Jim hires the crew to find the treasure but in this crew there's Long John Silver, a friend of Flint's. Now the pirates land on the island. Here happen a lot of vicissitudes until breaks out a battle where, at the end of this, Jim is made prisoner.

Meanwhile, while Jim is prisoner, Silver is in danger of life but manages to save himself, saving even Jim. So Jim returns the favour to him swearing to defend him in court to save Silver from the gallows.

