Character Profile:

Gandalf

Appearance: Tall bearded man in gray and later in white robes
Race: Human
Age: Unknown but is really old
Weapons: Elvish sword, staff, magic (fire)
Accomplishments:
Discovered Biblo’s ring is the one ring
Lead Fellowship until separated
Defeated a balrog by himself
Helped hold Gate at Gondor
Earned the help of Rohan
Was given shadowfax (the fastest horse)
Resisted the temptation to take the ring himself
Summary: Gandalf is the most powerfully ally for good that actually does stuff and does not just help in little ways. Without him nothing good would have happened. His leadership as well as his magic powers are valuable in the fight against evil.