

1. The narrative begins with a lineage that begins with which Danish king?
2. Name Hrothgar's hall.
3. Who are Grendel's parents?
4. Why does Grendel attack Heorot?
5. What is wergild?
6. What is incongruous about the passage on page 78 that states "the creator, almighty God, the judge of all actions, was neglected by them"?
7. What special powers does Beowulf possess?
8. Who is Beowulf's father?
9. Give an example of flyting (battle boasting).
10. Who is Wulfgar?
11. How many people must Beowulf pass through before meeting with Hrothgar?
12. Under what conditions does Beowulf agree to fight Grendel?
13. What is the lineage of Beowulf's corslet?
14. Why does Beowulf agree to fight Grendel?
15. What is Unferth's role in Hrothgar's court?
16. How does Beowulf respond to Unferth's insults?
17. What is Wealtheow's role in the mead hall?
18. What supernatural abilities does Grendel possess?
19. What happens to Grendel's arm after the fight with Beowulf?
20. When Grendel's mother seeks vengeance, whom does she kill?
21. What does she take from Hrothgar's hall (in addition to her victim)?
22. Name the sword Unferth lends to Beowulf.
23. How does Beowulf defeat Grendel's mother?
24. What does he bring back to Hrothgar's hall after this fight?
25. What gifts if Beowulf given as a reward?
26. What does he do with these gifts?
27. How does Beowulf treat Unferth, whose sword has failed Beowulf in battle, after the fight with Grendel's mother?

28. Page 126 contains a curious passage about “Grendel’s pouch.” What is this pouch?
29. Page 129 contains a passage called the “Cinderella passage.” Find this passage and explain why it is called by this name.
30. How does Beowulf become king?
31. What angers the dragon?
32. Page 130 contains a passage called “The Lay of the Last Survivor.” Find the passage, and explain its significance.
33. What might the dragon symbolize?
34. Is Beowulf guilty of *ofermod* in his fight against the dragon? Why or why not?
35. How does Hygelac die?
36. How do Hrethel’s two oldest sons die?
37. When Beowulf faces the dragon, who is his one loyal companion?
38. Name Beowulf’s sword.
39. Why does this sword fail him in battle with the dragon?
40. What does Beowulf ask to be done with the dragon’s hoard?
41. What happens to the corpse of the dragon?
42. What predictions are made about the future of the Geats without Beowulf?