

Elegies: Questions for Consideration

Read all of the elegies (beginning on page 50) and consider the following questions:

1. Do you see a recurring theme or mood in these poems? If so, explain. (If not, look again!)
2. What characteristics do the elegies share with other Anglo-Saxon works we have read thus far?
3. What is the situation of each speaker in the poems? Consider each poem separately.
4. Which has the larger role, Christianity or pagan fate? Consider each poem separately.
5. What poetic devices and imagery do you observe in each?