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### Old English Reading Questions- Reading 2

1. Shield Sheafson went into the mead hall and knocked over benches, he mangled his enemies, he was a terror, and he was a scourge to other people.
2. For the King treasure is used to keep trust and loyalty in his warriors
3. The dragon treats treasure by hoarding it and keeping it to itself, the Good Saxon King Shares it amongst his people.

\*The dragon is left alone with his treasure, but the king is united with his warriors with his treasure

4. In the mead hall rings and treasure are given to the warriors and loyalty is promised.

\* The table is the center of their culture.

5. The eventual doom of Heorot is burning. The problem will come from a son in-law.

6. Grendel is upset that there was feasting and music and the song of the poet.

7. In the mead hall they are singing about how God created the earth and the sun and the moon, animals and man.

8. Grendel's ancestor is Cain and his crime was killing his brother. Eventually, Heorot will be doomed because of similar Kin-Killing.

9. Similarities between Grendel and Shield Sheafson are that they are both destructive and people are afraid of them.

10. The Shieldings tend to think about God only when things are good. But when things get hard, they go back to their old ways worshiping idols and forgetting about God.

11. Our hero is described as brave and boastful and when people see him, they are in awe.

12. The Dwarves loyalty to each other and King Thorin.

### Reading 3 Questions

1. The poet is focusing on the senses of sight and sound when he is describing the men and their armor.
2. I would guess the meaning of Bee-Wolf to be a fierce stinger (Bee-Wolf is the name for bear)
3. Beowulf has had battles against man and beasts, like trolls and sea monsters.
4. Beowulf intends to fight Grendel using his bare hands, to heighten his glory.
5. In the earlier lines of the poem the outcome of the battle will be decided by God. But in the later line it will be fate. The contrast is between that God is in control and that everything is left to chance. I think God is always in control and there's no such thing as fate or chance.
6. The other motivation of Beowulf besides his desire for glory is a past story that Beowulf's father killed a man and was helped by Hrothgar.

7. Unferth is motivated to speak by envy. He doesn't want an outsider to come in and fight Grendel.
8. Tolkien also wrote about the trolls.