

Beowulf: Reading 4
Reading 4 Answers

1. Finland would be in C: VI on the map on pg. 12 next to Sweden and the Geats.
Sweden was mainly hostile territory, so he would have had to start in Geatland, making the journey longer.
2. Unferth is a coward and doesn't want to face Grendel but doesn't want Beowulf to kill him and get all the credit.
Unferth is a kin-killer. Grendel is also a kin-killer like his descendant, Cain. Unferth is now clearly viewed as the wrong kind of guy.
3. Unferth is a coward and doesn't want to face Gendel because death would be the outcome.
If Unferth fought Grendel, then one of them would be dead.
4. Hrothgar is so desperate that he trusts Beowulf, a foreigner, to defend his hall.
Hrothgar is old and just wants this horrible monster to leave so he can return to his parties and regain fame.
5. In both books, Beowulf and The Hobbit, we see evil monsters hiding in caves and marshes, loathing the daylight and swords.
The Goblins don't like ancient swords. Later on in Beowulf, there are also recognizable swords.