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Beowulf Reading Questions

Reading 7

1. Beowulf tells Hrothgar that it is better to avenge than to sorrow in silence. Answer Key- But the poet has just finished showing us the tragic effects of vengeance. Beowulf seems to be advocating revenge as a way of winning fame before death, and supposed to be sympathetic. One explanation would be that the poet feels that when it comes to monsters, revenge is completely vindicated in a way that is amongst humans.
2. I think because Beowulf trusts him to keep them safe.
3. Grendel decides to change swords with Unfeth.

Reading 8

1. He sees that Beowulf will be a good king someday. He tells him to guard his soul against Heorot. While Hrothgar is giving Beowulf advice he is warning him not to become a dragon king.
2. Dark and nasty creatures.

Reading 9

1. Answer Key- He just goes ahead and has Beowulf telling Hygelac how it's probably going to go terribly wrong. The poet seems to feel that attempting to stop a blood-fueled is a near impossibility, and that vengeance is a monster that can never be satisfied.