

## Beowulf Reading Questions 7

1. Beowulf says it's better to avenge your friends than to sit in sorrow in silence. Beowulf is very strong and courageous his morals are very strong and he respects his allies wanting to do anything he can that is right. He decides to abide and endure whatever the challenge may be instead of standing back and being scared. I feel like the poet agrees with Beowulf by avenging and killing Grendel's mother.

*The poet had just shown us the tragic effects of vengeance. Beowulf seems to be advocating revenge as a way of winning fame before death. He feels that when it comes to monsters, revenge is completely vindicated in a way that it isn't amongst humans.*

2. Beowulf trusts Hrothgar with his men and if he dies, they will have no where else to go. His men would be forsaken for not fighting and dying with him, but Hrothgar would except them because he has a high respect for Beowulf.

*With ring giving thanes, if a ring giver dies and his men don't those men would be identified as cowards. Who would welcome those men? No mead hall wants them in there with them. Beowulf makes sure his men won't be left like that, so he asks Hrothgar to take care of them.*

3. The interesting thing is that neither of them can be pierced by their swords. Its like they have some type of spell over them where no mortal sword can pierce through their hard skin. Beowulf finds a giant sword crafter by giants, and that sword was able to kill Grendel's mother showing that it is possible.

*Neither Grendel or his mother can be killed with regular weapons. Even with Unferth's sword he wasn't able to cut his mother so he results in both fights just going bare handed. H stumbles on an accident giant sword it is a great weapon he uses to kill Grendel's mother and cut through his neck. The sword also glows after a kill and provides light for him to get out of the cave.*

4. *Beorn is one of the very interesting figures in this section. He lived in a great hall and serves his guests mead, his name means bear, which of course is also what Beowulf's name means.*

### Beowulf Reading 8 Questions

1. He talks about temptation and how it can affect us. He knows Beowulf is a very good man and will be a king with great treasures so he warns him about the distraction. Pride might overrule Beowulf and turn him into a person that he shouldn't. With all the treasures and fame, he could start to get full of himself and be prideful which is the opposite of which you want for a good king.

*Heremod was an example of this pride. Just how Grendel left the mead-hall desolate and abandoned, in just the same way that the attack of pride cause Heremod to end his days desolate and abandoned.*

2. For me I saw the resemblance of treasure in both the stories. The dwarfs are searching for Gold and the dragon while in Beowulf there is a lot of treasure and they use it wisely.

*They both go to a place with dark and nasty creatures searching for things and encounter monsters.*

### Reading questions 9

1. He's saying through Beowulf that peace weaving isn't going to solve all the problems and will most likely make everything go wrong.

*He's already given us one tragic story of a peace weaver; peace weaving isn't always effective. The poet seems to be attempting to stop a blood feud is near impossibility.*

2. I did not see much in this chapter that was similar.

*In both Beowulf and Saxon culture there is a very strong relationship for close people and family. In Saxon, the kenning for this was sister-son, and the bond you had to your sister-son was very tight. The sons of your brothers were still kin, but not as close.*