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Reading questions 7

1. The poet thinks that Grindels mom should be avenged. Does he agree with Beowulf? Yes, why because the poet says to finish the feud as friends wrecking vengeance.

Beowulf tells Hrothgar that it is better to avenge your friends than to sorrow in silence.

2. He wants the treasure to go with them back to their homeland if he dies

Beowulf ask Hrothgar to watch out for his men. In this culture they should have died for   or with him. If they are still alive then they are considered cowards. Beowulf is taking   care of his men by asking Hrothgar to look out for them, so they are not left like that as   forever an outcast.

3. 'The blade sang as he swung a savage war song' but the sword would not pierce grindels mom's skin. Beowulf ends up fighting with his hands instead of the sword. Then Beowulf finds a sword made by giants and uses that to kill grindels mom. And the sword melts when it comes in contact with grindels moms' blood.

4. I see Tolkien borrowing the theme of people in need and then one person delivers them like how bilbo delivers his friends away from the elves and not Beowulf helping the king Hrothgar with his Grindel problems

   Beorn is like a mead hall.

Reading questions 8

1. The first comment is to illustrate that Beowulf is different from Heremod. The theme of treasure ties in with pride. Hrothgar tells Beowulf to guard his soul against pride and greed. Hrothgar uses the imagery of Heremod killing his own Danes. And that should remind us of the death of Grindel.

2. I see the theme of servitude in both novels

   They both go to unpleasant places

Reading questions 9

1. The poet is saying even though peace-weaving normally ends in disaster it seems like daughter of Hrothgar might be successful

2. I see Tolkien borrowing the theme mentioning your forefathers "Thorin son of Thrain son of Thror King under the mountains..."

   Fili and Kili were the sister-sons of Thorin just as Beowulf was the sister-son of Hygelac. That relationship is very strong in Saxon culture.