

Beowulf: Reading 8
Reading 8 Answers

1. Hrothgar tells Beowulf to guard his soul against pride because when you have a bunch of treasure in front of you, you tend to get caught up in pride.
Hrothgar is reflecting on his life and temptation. Hrothgar can tell what a great King Beowulf will be one day, so he offers him some advice. He talks to Beowulf about temptation and tells him the story about Heremod, who was once a mighty man but got caught up in pride. After becoming proud, Heremod got greedy and refused to give out rings. He turned on his men and hoarded his treasure just like a dragon does. As Hrothgar is giving Beowulf advice, he warns him not to become a dragon king.
2. In *The Hobbit*, Bilbo has just started their journey in the woods of Mirkwood which is dark and dreary kind of like Beowulf does in Beowulf.
Bilbo and the dwarves are going into Mirkwood, a dark and nasty forest filled with dark and nasty creatures. Everyone doesn't want to go into the forest. It is similar to how Beowulf tracks Grendel's mother into the lake. Everyone stays away from the lake, even the animals. The lake is populated by monstrous beasts.