

Old English Reading Questions 7-9

Chapter 7

1. Beowulf believes that taking revenge is the best way to go, while the poet shows the damaging and long lasting effects vengeance can have. I don't think the poet agrees with Beowulf on the subject.
2. Instead of just dismissing his men to go on without him with the possibility that Beowulf could die, he tells Hrothgar to take care of his men. If they had gone home, they maybe wouldn't have been welcomed without their ring-giver. Beowulf ensures that they are not left like that.
3. The sword cannot kill neither Grendel nor his mother. Beowulf trades swords with Unferth, and he can now kill Grendel and his mother. However, as soon as the deed was done, the sword melted.

Chapter 8

1. Hrothgar knows that Beowulf will one day be a great and mighty king, and he wants to somewhat give him wisdom in that area.
2. When the dwarves travel through Mirkwood in the *Hobbit* it is similar to when Beowulf makes his way through the Lake of Monsters. They are both places that many know to stay away from, filled with gross creatures.

Chapter 9

1. The poet basically tells Beowulf straight up that there is a low peace weaver success rate. He tells him everything that could go wrong and that it probably will.
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