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Beowulf Reading Questions

Chapter 10

1. 50 years. I think its so significant because this tells us that the dragon has been around for a long time and I think that's also what the poet is leading us to notice. "Answer Key"- This should make us realize that even though we were told that no one thought to blame Hrothgar... blaming him is almost inevitable.
2. That Beowulf is loyal to hygelac and even to his family after his death.
3. "Answer Key"- because there has been a possible irony in the statement
4. Because a single cup has been stolen from the dragon.

Chapter 11

1. He fights a sepent.

Chapter 12

1. "Answer Key"- Treasure is meant to be used to secure valor. After he is a king he would acquire more treasure through conquering other kingdoms. Or in Beowulf's case, he would use his valor to win back ancient treasures from the clutches of monsters. Either way both valor and gold are meant to be given away, and when they are, both bring in a rich harvest. In other words the Saxons traded iron for gold and gold for iron.
2. He managed to avenge himself he doesn't need an avenger. Beowulf kills his own killer as a last gift to his people.
3. "Answer Key"- He points out to them that they were hand chosen by Beowulf because he thought they were his most loyal men. He had given their armor and weapons to them and it was effort he had just thrown away.