

Reading 10 Questions

1. When the dragon appears Beowulf has been king for 50 years. It is significant because Hrothgar was king for 50 years before Grendel troubled his kingdom. He is leading us to notice the similarities between Beowulf and Hrothgar.
Difference between Hrothgar and Beowulf: Beowulf actually fights the monster threatening his kingdom.
2. He is showing us that Beowulf is very honorable and didn't want to take the throne when he shouldn't.
Beowulf stays away from pride.
3. This time it seems that the king mentioned is actually a good king (although no man is truly good).
4. The dragon is a common theme/character in both Beowulf and The Hobbit.

Reading 11 Questions

1. Beowulf seems to be the savior for his people. He must save his people from the dragon. He also knows he will die to save his people. Beowulf seemed to be the most honorable person in his land.
Both have a band of 12 and both desert him.
2. The man named Bard in The Hobbit and Beowulf. Both save their people.
Arrows bounce off the dragon just like Beowulf's sword.

Reading 12 Questions

1. He is making the point that treasure comes thru an act of valor. You can't have treasure without valor. Valor is important because it is the very reason for living in the Saxon culture. Treasure is important because that is how the thanes make their living.
Gold and treasure is meant to be given away, the dragon keeps his wealth to himself.
2. Beowulf avenges his entire people by killing the dragon and Beowulf himself bleeds after getting bit by the dragon.
Beowulf avenges himself and he doesn't need someone to avenge him.
3. They won't find employment as a thane anywhere in the world because they were cowards.
Wiglaf has no sympathy on the men who deserted him and Beowulf.
4. The theme of war in both The Hobbit and Beowulf.
Thorin is becoming a "dragon" type king. He is hoarding his wealth instead of sharing it.