

Reading Questions 10

1. Beowulf has been king for fifty years and Hrothgar was ruling for that long when Grendel appeared. *No one thought to blame Hrothgar but they could have.*

2. It's the same as the Finnsburg Episode almost because Hygd lost her son and her husband *Beowulf is very loyal to Hygelac and Hrothgar told him to stay away from pride and treachery and he does*

3. All the other kings were actually not that great but Beowulf is a good king. *It's said when Beowulf is getting ready to fight the dragon, when Hrothgar left and didn't fight Grendel, and when we learn that Shield wreaked mead-halls. That shows that Beowulf truly was a good king.*

4. The dragon

Reading Questions 11

1. Beowulf is fighting a serpent.

*He goes alone on behalf of his people, he has a group of twelve*

2. The dragon is destroying the town

*The sword and arrows don't work against the dragon*

Reading Questions 12

1. The warriors earned the rings by valor

*Valor and gold are meant to be given away and when they are, both bring in a rich harvest*

2. No one needs to avenge Beowulf

*Beowulf has avenged himself and no one needs to die to pay for his death*

3. Sense they were cowards and didn't die with Beowulf, they were exiled from the kingdom

*Their family's will also be exiled, their lands will be taken, and no mead-halls will ever take them in again*

4. Thorin is becoming a dragon king

*Rather than using treasure to cement loyalty, he is hoarding treasure in a way that creates enemies*