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1. How did Shild make his way to Denmark?
2. How did his fate change?
3. What happened to Shild after his death?
4. Who is Shild's great grandson?
5. What is divine right? How does this apply to Hrothgar?
6. What did Hrothgar lead the Danes to? What does he want to do as a result?
7. What did he divide among men in the hall?
8. What was the great hall named?
9. What is Grendel and what is he doing?
10. "The Almighty making the earth..." is an example of an _____. Explain.
11. Grendel is a descendent of whom? Why is Grendel being punished?
12. Contrast Grendel's lair with Herot.
13. Were the Anglo-Saxons Christians? Explain the Christian references.
14. What are the warriors doing when Grendel finds them?
15. How many warriors does Grendel kill?
16. Where does Grendel take the bodies?
17. What does Hrothgar do when he discovers the carnage?
18. For how long does Grendel terrorize Herot?
19. How does Beowulf learn of Hrothgar's problem?
20. What rule of society does Grendel refuse to follow?
21. Why is Hrothgar exempt from Grendel's terror?
22. What classic battle has been set up between Grendel and Hrothgar?
23. What role did the "wise ones" play in Beowulf's traveling to help Hrothgar?
24. How many men does Beowulf take with him when he goes to help Hrothgar?

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25. Why, according to Beowulf, has he come to defend Herot?
26. How many men does Beowulf take with him when he goes to help Hrothgar?
27. What evidence does Beowulf give that he is able to defeat Grendel?
28. Why do you think Beowulf intends to fight Grendel without a weapon? According to Beowulf, what will decide the outcome of the battle?
29. Hrothgar recounts a feud during which Beowulf's father killed someone. Whom did he kill?
30. How did Hrothgar try to mend the feud? What was the result?
31. Why might Hrothgar find it necessary to remind Beowulf of the time he helped Beowulf's father?
32. What does Hrothgar's speech tell us about him?
33. What did the mead hall look like in the mornings after Grendel had visited?
34. Who begins to taunt Beowulf at the feast? Why does this person call Beowulf a "boastful fool"?
35. What is Unferth's motive for challenge Beowulf?
36. What event from Beowulf's past does Unferth bring up? How does this compare to the upcoming battle with Grendel?
37. What reason did Beowulf give for this challenge?
38. What did Beowulf say he chose to do in his battle with Brecca?
39. According to Beowulf, why did they separate? What happened to him when they did?
40. What allowed Beowulf to defeat the monster?
41. How did Beowulf's battle with sea monsters affect sailors?
42. What does fate do?
43. What does Beowulf tell the audience about Unferth?
44. According to Beowulf, why does Grendel continue to attack?

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45. Who is Welthow?
46. What was Beowulf's purpose?
47. How is the coming of night personified as the sun sets?
48. What does Hrothgar promise Beowulf? What is the purpose of this promise?
49. What did fate intend for Grendel to do?
50. "Shepherd of evil" and "guardian of crime" are examples of _____.
51. Not far into his battle with Beowulf, what is Grendel's only desire?
52. How do the actions of Beowulf's men uphold the Anglo-Saxon code of honor?
53. Why didn't the weapons have any effect on Grendel?
54. Where did Grendel go to die?
55. What proof of victory did Beowulf have?
56. How did the Danes feel about what has happened to Grendel?
57. Who does Grendel's mother kill?
58. Who is more evil—Grendel or Grendel's mother?
59. What does she carry back to the lair with her?
60. What imagery in the description of Grendel's lair associates Grendel with death and darkness?
61. What is the next request Hrothgar makes from Beowulf?
62. What is the name of the sword Beowulf takes with him to battle against Grendel's mother?
63. When Beowulf fights with Grendel's mother, what characteristics help him remain unbeaten?
64. Why are both Beowulf's sword and his hands no match for the sea monster?
65. What is significant about the sword Beowulf sees? What did he do with the sword?
66. What happens after Grendel's mother is killed? What is the significance?

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67. What does Beowulf take with him from underground? What does he do with them?
68. When the story resumes how long had Beowulf been king?
69. What begins to terrorize the Geats? Why?
70. Why does Beowulf want to fight a battle when he knows the odds are against him?
71. What does Beowulf say about using a weapon?
72. What is Beowulf's motivation in seeking the treasure?
73. What happens to the shield?
74. For the first time ever, what is against him?
75. What does the sword do in this battle?
76. What journey must all men make?
78. What was the response of Beowulf's comrades? Why do you think Beowulf's men did this?
79. Summarize what Wiglaf says to the other comrades.
80. According to Wiglaf, what did Beowulf once boast?
81. What was the name of Beowulf's ancient sword? What happens to it?
82. What did the dragon do to Beowulf?
83. What did Wiglaf do in response to the dragon's action? What did Beowulf do to the dragon?
84. What does the burning, stinging venom represent?
85. What is Wiglaf to do after Beowulf dies?
86. What was the significance of Beowulf passing the necklace, helmet, rings, and mail shirt to Wiglaf?
87. What instructions does Beowulf leave for his memorial?