***Beowulf***

Character List

\*Use the following information to fill out the interconnected lives worksheet.

1. Hrothgar – King of the Danes; Being terrorized by Grendel; Healfdane is his father; Welthow is his wife

2. Grendel – is fought and killed by Beowulf in his younger days

3. Beowulf – becomes the King of the Geats; helps Hrothgar by killing the Grendel

4. Grendel’s mother – is fought and killed by Beowulf; has a son who terrorizes Hrothgar and the Danes

5. Wiglaf – is to whom Beowulf passes the throne of the Geats

6. The Dragon – is killed by Beowulf late in life

7. Higlac – King of the Geats before Beowulf; Beowulf’s uncle

8. Edgetho – Beowulf’s father; helps and befriends Hrothgar; brother-in-law of Higlac

\*add information as we read.

1. Herot –

2. Geats –

3. Danes –

4. Healfdane –

5. Wulfgar –

6. Hrunting –

7. Nagling –

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“Grendel”

Questions: (if there is a page number and not a line, the answer can be found within the italicized info.)

1. Describe what transpires in the mead hall to evoke the anger of the monster. (lines 14-15)
2. What is Grendel’s lineage? Why is he described as being “born of Cain”? (lines 20-21)
3. What happens during Grendel’s first visit to Herot? Describe the scene. (lines 36-37)
4. How long does Grendel haunt Herot? (line 62)
5. Why doesn’t Grendel attack Hrothgar? (line 84)
6. Give an example of alliteration from this section –

“Beowulf”

Questions: (if there is a page number and not a line, the answer can be found within the italicized info.)

1. What quality(s) of the epic hero are conveyed in this section? (lines 109-111)
2. How does Beowulf react when he hears of the plight of the Danes and Hrothgar? (line 113)
3. Describe Beowulf’s boasts upon meeting Hrothgar, King of the Danes. (lines 150-158)
4. If Beowulf loses the battle with Grendel, what are his instructions for after his death? (line 185-188
5. Give an example of a kenning in this section.

“The Battle with Grendel”

Questions: (if there is a page number and not a line, the answer can be found within the italicized info.)

1. How does Grendel respond when he comes to Herot? Describe his reaction to seeing the sleeping Geats? (lines 250-257)
2. What happens when Grendel reaches for Beowulf? (lines269-272)
3. Describe the struggle that ensues between Beowulf and Grendel. (lines 273-313)
4. At the conclusion of the battle between Beowulf and Grendel, what transpires? (lines 336-340)
5. Describe the lake into which Grendel vanished. What could it be indicative of? (lines 369-374)
6. Give an example of a kenning associated with Grendel.
7. Give an example of alliteration from this section.

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“Grendel’s Mother”

Questions: (if there is a page number and not a line, the answer can be found within the italicized info.)

1. What is Grendel’s mother’s motive in coming to Herot? (pg. 51)
2. Whom does she snatch? (lines 414-415)
3. Describe the location of where Grendel lived with his mother. (lines 425-443)

“The Battle with Grendel’s Mother”

Questions: (if there is a page number and not a line, the answer can be found within the italicized info.)

1. What equipment does Beowulf adorn himself with as he goes in pursuit of Grendel’s mother? (lines 460-463)
2. What is the significance of the sword, Hrunting? (line 476)
3. Describe the encounter Beowulf has with Grendel’s mother. How effective were his weapons? (lines 479-489)
4. How does Beowulf eventually slay Grendel’s mother? (lines 514-523)
5. What does Beowulf do with the body of Grendel that he finds lying in a corner of the lair? (line 543-544)
6. What is happening on the surface with Hrothgar’s men while Beowulf is fighting under the lake? (lines 549-555)
7. What happens to the magnificent sword? (lines 561-562)
8. What does Beowulf take with him as souvenirs of his victory over Grendel’s mother? (line 570)
9. What “trophy” does Beowulf give Hrothgar as a symbol of his victory over the demons? (line 601)

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“Beowulf’s Last Battle”

Questions: (if there is a page number and not a line, the answer can be found within the italicized info.)

1. What large even happens fifty years into Beowulf’s reign? (pg. 58)
2. What did the slave steal from the dragon? (pg. 58)
3. Why does Beowulf again recount the glory of his day’s past before taking on a battle with the dragon?
4. How does Beowulf feel about his upcoming battle against the dragon? (line 612)
5. Why does Beowulf announce that he is going to face the dragon alone? (lines 627-629)
6. Describe the dragon’s “hidden home”. (line 640 +)
7. What do Beowulf’s men do as he is taking on the dragon? (lines 691-694)
8. Describe the effectiveness of Beowulf’s sword, Nagling. (lines 670-675)
9. Is Beowulf an epic hero to the end?

“The Death of Beowulf”

Questions: (if there is a page number and not a line, the answer can be found within the italicized info.)

1. What is Beowulf’s dying wish? (lines 756-761)
2. How does Beowulf react when he sees the treasure? (lines 805-809)
3. What are his funeral instructions? Why? (lines 812-819)
4. After both Beowulf and the dragon are slain, how do Beowulf’s followers behave? What does Wiglaf say to them? (lines 833-863)
5. What does Wiglaf’s speech show about Anglo-Saxon beliefs?

“Mourning Beowulf”

Questions:

1. Describe Beowulf’s funeral pyre. (pg. 66)
2. What is the role of the twelve horsemen who surround Beowulf’s monument?

**Character Sketch:**

**Choose a major character (Beowulf, Hrothgar, Grendal, Grendal’s Mother, etc…) to depict using imagery from the poem. Include at least TWO quotes from the text to support your visual interpretation.**