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***Beowulf* Part 1 Comprehension Questions pages 3-15**

1. What made Shield Sheafson a great leader of the Danes?

2. What was the name of Shield’s son? How was he a good prince while his father lived?

3. When Shield died, how did they celebrate his funeral? What does this tell us about the values of this ancient culture?

4. What was the name of Beow’s heir? What were the names of his four children? Which of the four took the throne after Beow’s death?

5. What was the name of the mead hall that Hrothgar build? Why was he considered a good king?

6. By listing the genealogy of Hrothgar, what do we learn about the values of the Anglo-Saxon culture? What did they value in a leader or hero?

7. Why does the monster Grendel attack the mead hall?

8. What allusion is used when describing Grendel? What does this comparison tell us about this villain?

9. For how many years does Grendel attack Hrothgar’s kingdom?

10. Why is Grendel unable to attack the throne itself?