

Chapter 13

1. Describe the scene near Grendel's home.
2. How is Beowulf's reputation advanced? What role is suggested for him?
3. How does Sigemund's tale end? Why is this significant?

Chapter 14

1. Explain why the following sentence is significant: "Now has this hero, through God's might, done a deed which we for all this time were unable to do with our wisdom and cunning." (Hrothgar)
2. How is Hrothgar and Beowulf's relationship altered?
3. How has Beowulf's reputation changed?
4. What reason does Beowulf give to explain why Grendel was able to escape?
5. Describe the appearance of Grendel's fingernails and claw.

Chapter 15

1. How do the Danes and Geats react to Grendel's guaranteed death?
2. What rewards does Beowulf receive from Hrothgar?

Chapter 16****Most of this is a flashback*

1. What does Hrothgar for Beowulf's warriors?
2. Hrothgar's bard sings a song for those celebrating in Heorot; it details a battle between the Danes and what other group of people?
3. What member of the Scylding family was killed?
4. Which Scylding loses her son and brother in this battle?
5. What are the details of the pact that is offered?
6. Between what two individuals is the pact made?
7. What are the terms of violating the pact?
8. Who does Hildeburth burn on the funeral pyre in addition to Hnaef?

Chapter 17 ****Continuation of the flashback from the previous chapter*

1. After the pact, most warriors return to their respective homes. Hengest does not. Where is he?
2. Gradually, what does Hengest start thinking about?
3. What significant item does Hengest have, and how did he receive it?
4. What do Hengest and the Scyldings do that is significant?
5. What happens to the queen?
6. INFER: Why does the author devote two chapters to this song/experience?
7. Who is the Scyldings' queen?
8. What does she recommend in terms of Hrothgar's wish to honor Beowulf as his son?

Chapter 18

1. What treasures does Beowulf receive? Why are they meaningful?
2. What does the last paragraph foreshadow?
3. Describe how the warriors sleep and why this occurs.

Chapter 19

1. Which new villain is introduced?

2. How is this creature directly characterized? Use specific diction from the text.
3. What significant act does the creature complete?
4. Analyze the gender bias present in Anglo-Saxon tribes – that is, how are males and females presented differently?
5. Why is Beowulf unable to stop this creature?
6. What two things does this creature take?

Chapter 20

1. What details of Grendel recall Frankenstein's creature?
2. Describe the water.
3. How do the deer react to it?

Chapter 21

1. What do the men do?
2. What do they find?
3. What is noticeable in the water and around them?
4. What causes them to scatter?
5. How does Beowulf approach this battle differently? How do his actions characterize him?
6. Who or what is Hrunting? Describe.
7. Why does Unferth (Ecglaf's son) give Beowulf the significant item?

Chapter 22

1. Beowulf reminds Hrothgar he promised to be loyal to the Geat warriors if Beowulf dies. What are the three major requests Beowulf makes of Hrothgar?
2. How does Beowulf's request in regards to Hrunting characterize him?
3. Estimate Grendel's mother's age and explain briefly how you drew this conclusion.
4. What difficulty does Beowulf experience on his journey through the waters?
5. Where do Beowulf and Grendel's mother finally battle?
6. Describe the effectiveness of Hrunting during the battle, and why it fails/succeeds.

Chapter 23

1. How does Beowulf defeat Grendel's mother?
2. What does Beowulf do to Grendel, and why?
3. How do the Scyldings react when the water becomes bloody again? The Geats?
4. What two things does Beowulf take with him when he leaves the cavern?
5. What happens to the sword, and why?
6. Where is Grendel located?

Chapter 24

1. Who receives the sword hilt Beowulf retrieves? Why?
2. Why does Hrothgar discuss Heremond again (the Danish king during the Frisian/Danish battle)?

Chapter 25

1. According to Hrothgar, what negative outcomes can occur to kings? Why do these things occur?
2. What does Hrothgar encourage Beowulf to do or not do?
3. What do the Geats plan next?
4. What does Beowulf do with Hrunting, and why?

Chapter 26

1. What promise does Beowulf make to Hrothgar?
2. What does Hrothgar note about Beowulf that differentiates him from other men his age?
3. What does Hrothgar recommend for Beowulf?

Chapter 27

1. Briefly describe Beowulf's homecoming.
2. Who is Hygd, and how is she characterized?