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"There fore, to heighten Hygelac's fame and gladden his heart,
I hereby renounce sword and the shelter of the broad shield,
the heavy war-board: hand-to-hand is how it will be, a
life-and-death fight with the Fiend."

-Beowulf planning to fight Grendel without weapons

"We have gone through with a glorious endeavor and
been much favored in this fight we dared against the
unknown, Nevertheless, if you could have seen the
monster himself where he lay beaten, I would have been
better pleased."

-Beowulf, on Grendel escaping with mortal wounds.

"I risked my life often when I was young. Now I am old,
but as king of the people I shall pursue this fight for
the glory of winning, if the evil one will only abandon his
earth-fort and face me in the open."

-Beowulf about the dragon.

"For every one of us, living in this world means waiting
for our end. Let whoever can win glory before death."

-Beowulf.

"As God is my witness, I would rather my body were
robed in the same burning blaze as my gold-givers
body than go back home bearing arms."

-Wiglaf, on helping Beowulf

"And I shall fulfill that purpose, prove myself with a proud deed or meet my death here in the mead-hall."
- Beowulf, on defeating Grendel

"You are the last of us, the only one left of the Waegmunding's. Fate swept us all away, sent my whole brave high-born clan to their final doom. Now I must follow them."
- Beowulf, at his death

"He handed down orders for men to work on a great mead-hall meant to be a wonder of the world forever; It would be his throne-room and there he would dispose his God-given goods to young and old."
- About Hrothgar's mead-hall

"The hart in flight from pursuing hounds will turn to face them with firm-set horns and die in the wood rather than dive beneath its surface. That is no good place."
- About Grendel's Mother's Lair

"Go on, dear Beowulf, do everything you said you would do when you were still young and vowed you would never let your name and fame be dimmed while you lived. Your deeds are famous, so stay resolute, my lord, defend your life now with the whole of your strength. I shall stand by you."
- Wiglaf

Characters

Beowulf: son of Ecgtheow. Hero. fights Grendel + his mother. Reveals to be the strongest.
Strong personality

Haldane: father of Hrothgar, succeeded Beow under Danish rule.

Grendel: powerful demon. Forcible.
Ruthless and miserable. fought Beowulf

Grendel's mother: outcast, lives in the sea in a cave. Demon. fought Beowulf

Herot:

Hygelac: Beowulf's uncle, king of Geats.

Ecgtheow: Beowulf's father. King.

Ecglaf:

Breca: Beowulf's childhood friend

Wiglaf: son of Weohstan, well regarded soldier

Hrothgar: Greatish king who took Beowulf in after father's death

Dragon: powerful serpent, guards the hoard of treasure that's hidden.

King Rothgar - King of Danes, wise and aged ruler father figure to Beowulf.

Beoni: Second king listed in the Danish rulers.
"Gift from God".

Grendel's Mom, Grendel, Dragon, & Heorot

Grendel - A demon that haunted the Marshes.

- Beowulf kills Grendel by ripping his arm off.
- He haunted Heorot, killed many men.
- He comes to the Mead hall because it was a sin to open up the Mead hall.
- Grendel couldn't kill Hrothgar because he was protected by God.

Grendel's Mom - She is an outcast because her ancestor Cain killed her own brother.

- She killed Hrothgar's closest friend, to avenge Grendel's death.
- ~~Beowulf~~ Hrothgar tells Beowulf where she lives.
- Beowulf kills her with a sword from her own armour, after swimming through the sea and defeating many monsters.
- Beowulf then cut off Grendel's head.

Beowulf - Everytime he fights a Supernatural monster, he enters the Cave alone, referencing Val Hala.

- He tests his luck against death three times and third times the Charn.
- He escaped death twice but not the last time.

Dragon - A slave stole his goblet from his cave when he was sleeping.

- Beowulf went to attack him with 13 others.
- They all ran away, except Wiglaf.
- Beowulf's sword could not penetrate the dragon's skin.
- A scale was missing, and Beowulf killed him by stabbing the hole.

Ceremonial - Beowulf was burned to release his ~~own~~ soul.

- His remains were placed in the barrow,
- Beowulf named Wiglaf the "Everlastly Lord of All!!!"
- The geats mourned and honored their fallen lord.

- Grendel's mother attacks

- Beowulf swims down to the underworld to battle Grendel's mother

unsure whether or not she is dead

- Beowulf brings Grendel's head and the giant's sword to Heorot as tribute to Hrothgar

- Beowulf is awarded many valuables for his bravery, and Hrothgar teaches Beowulf what it means to be a good king

- Beowulf returns to Geatland, and ruled well for fifty winters

grew old and wise as warden of the land

- a dragon comes and attacks the villagers of Geatland

- Beowulf has an all iron shield built to replace his wooden one and goes to attack the dragon

- too proud to call upon an army to help him
very dangerous for him in his old age

- Beowulf recalls the glorious battles of his youth including the fight with Grendel

- he also recalls his childhood, and several battles between the Geats and the Swedes

- Beowulf kills the dragon, but finds that he was poisoned during battle

- Beowulf asks Wiglaf to go into the barrow and bring him some of the dragon's treasure so he can see what he is dying for

- Wiglaf brings back some gold

- Beowulf gives thanks to the ever-lasting lord of all and asks to be buried in a barrow on a coast to remind his people and sailors of his good deeds

Morris's web

Beowulf Notes

- King Shield Sheafson has a child
 - o the child is Beow
- Beow's name known throughout the North
- Shield's ship loaded with treasures is robbed
 - o no one knows who did it
- Shield died, leaving Beow to keep the forts
- Beow was well regarded and ruled until his heir, the great Halfdane took over
- Halfdane had four children
 - o Heorogar
 - o Hrothgar
 - o Halga
 - o A daughter who was Onela's queen
- Hrothgar had a great mead hall built
 - o it was his throne room
- A powerful demon is upset by the mead hall
 - o his name was Grendel
- Grendel grabbed thirty men from his resting place and rushed them to his lair
 - o struck again one night later
- Grendel attacked until the house stood empty (12 years)
- Beowulf comes to save them from Grendel
 - o brings 14 men with him
- Beowulf tells a story about a battle he had in the water
- Grendel comes back to attack
- Grendel kills people in their sleep
- Beowulf and Grendel get into a fight
 - o Grendel lost and is forced to flee
- the Danes follow a trail of blood to Grendel's murky swamp where he died
- people rejoice throughout Denmark and tell stories of the mighty deeds of Beowulf
 - o compare him to Sigemund the dragon slayer

- Hrothgar couldn't be killed because he was protected by God
- Cain was viewed as the devil
- All of the monsters came from the underworld.
- Pagan - prays to the killer and ask they come to their aid
- Beowulf's "army" included 14 men which could relate to the 14 disciples
- Beowulf followed old and new ways
- The monsters come from Cain
- Good vs. Evil
- Beowulf praises God after every defeat

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Timeline

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- ① Beowulf Mead Hall & Osin
- ② Grendel comes and attacks them because they sin
- ③ Beowulf rises to the occasion and kills Grendel.
- ④ Grendel's mother come back for revenge
- ⑤ Beowulf swims to the underworld and kills her.
- ⑥ Goes back to ~~Geatland~~ ^{Geatland} and is crowned King.
- ⑦ Rules for 50 winters
- ⑧ Dragons come to terrify them
- ⑨ Beowulf takes 11 soldiers out fight by himself.
- ⑩ Beowulf dies in battle defeats the dragon but realizes after that he has been poisoned (he dies)
- ⑪ They have a ceremony for Beowulf and set up a monument for him on the coast to be remembered