

### **Beowulf 5-10 Assessment**

1. What does Hrothgar's speech inform us of and what might it signify overall?
2. Hrothgar seems very optimistic about Beowulf's chances for victory and is very respectful of Beowulf. Who is Unferth and how does he differ in his comments to and about Beowulf? Why might he be challenging Beowulf?
3. In reference to #2, how does Beowulf respond to this?
4. Define **foil**. How does Unferth serve as a **foil** to Beowulf? Provide **evidence from the text** to support your answer.
5. Welthow, Hrothgar's wife, exhibits many of the qualities valued in Anglo-Saxon women (she is beloved, generous, cheerful, gracious, etc.). Provide **evidence from the text** to support this claim.
6. In Part 7, when the pre-victory celebration ends and night has come, what does Hrothgar tell Beowulf? What might be the purpose of this?
7. How does the suspense built up in the beginning of Part 8 continue/increase the reader's anticipation/curiosity of the showdown between Beowulf and Grendel? When they battle, who is winning at the end of Part 8? Provide **evidence from the text** to support your answer.
8. How does the battle end?
9. How is Beowulf received after the battle by the crowds of people surrounding Herot?
10. How is the lake Grendel retreats to suggestive of Hell? Defend your answer with evidence from the text.

## Modern Kennings

In your textbook (**not the additional handout**), line 273 provides two examples of a kenning. Define the term kenning (in the *Glossary of Literary Terms* in the back of your textbook) and think about the additional examples provided with the definition. With each of the following modern terms, create a kenning.

11. Refrigerator
12. Email
13. Car
14. Wallet
15. Desk
16. Computer
17. Cellular phone
18. Television
- 19.
- 20.

**For #'s 19 & 20**, add two of your own words and create kennings for both.