Part 33

1. What did the dragon do to Geatland? Where did it go afterwards?

2. How did Beowulf believe that the dragon’s wrath was his fault? What buildings did Beowulf lose?

3. In lines 2341-2345, what do we learn about Beowulf’s life?

4. What other battles has Beowulf survived since killing Grendel and his mother in Herot?

5. What happened to Higlac during the war with the Frisians? Who offered the kingdom to Beowulf? Why?

6. Why did Beowulf refuse the kingdom?

7. How did Beowulf finally become king?

Part 34

7. How did he seek revenge on Onela?

8. Who led Beowulf and his 12 soldiers to the dragon’s den?

9. Why was Beowulf’s heart heavy as he prepared to face the dragon?

10. How did Herbeld die?

Part 35

11. Why did Higlac, as king, never need assistance from the Danes, Goths, or Swedes?
12. How did Beowulf kill Dagref, the murderer of Higlac?

13. Why does Beowulf “feel no shame” in facing the dragon with sword, armor, and shield?

14. What trusty piece of equipment does Beowulf wear into battle?

15. What does Beowulf do to get the dragon’s attention?

16. In lines 2570-2580, Beowulf experiences failure in battle for the first time. What two things fail him?

17. What did Beowulf’s soldiers do as he is failing in battle?

Part 36

18. Who was the only man to help Beowulf? Where did his family come from? What did they receive from Beowulf?

19. Where did Wiglaf receive the armor he was wearing in battle that day?

20. Summarize what Wiglaf says to the other soldiers.

21. What was the name of Beowulf’s sword? What happens to it in battle (which, we are told, always happens to iron in Beowulf’s hands)?

22. How is Beowulf injured?

Part 37

22. How does Wiglaf injure the dragon? How does Beowulf finish it off?

23. Why does Beowulf say he can die happy (line 2740-2743)?

24. What does Beowulf tell Wiglaf to go get? Why will it cushion the blow of death?