Beowulf Parts 7-12
Honors English IV

Part 7

1. Describe how Hrothgar and Edgetho, Beowulf’s father, came to meet.

2. How did Hrothgar end “Edgetho’s Quarrel”?

3. What happened to the men that swore to stay and protect Herot from Grendel?

4. What does Hrothgar host, in Beowulf’s honor? What will they do there?

Part 8-9

5. Who is Unferth? What irritates him about Beowulf and his presence in his country?

6. Summarize the story that Unferth tells about Beowulf and Brecca.

7. What is it about Beowulf does Unferth say kept Beowulf from surrendering?

8. What conclusion does Unferth draw about Beowulf’s impending battle with Grendel

9. Summarize the version of the same story that Beowulf tells.

10. What item of clothing does Beowulf attribute to saving his life?

11. In lines 560-562, Beowulf says, “I treated them politely, offering them the edge of my razor-sharp sword. But the feast, I think, did not please them...” What does this sarcastic turn-of-phrase tell you about Beowulf as a person?

12. In lines 569-573, Beowulf mentions both the old and new religions. Explain how these mentions fit in line with the Anglo-Saxon view of religion (post-Christian conversion).
13. Why does Beowulf say his recounting of this story is “no boast”?

14. What evil doing of Unferth’s does Beowulf reveal while he is speaking?

15. To what weakness of Unferth’s does Beowulf attribute Grendel's attacks?

16. Listening to Beowulf speak, what does Hrothgar begin to believe?

17. Describe the actions of Wealthow, Hrothgar's wife, toward her husband. What are her actions toward her husband’s soldiers? With Beowulf?

18. As he’s going off to bed, what does Hrothgar promise Beowulf if he succeeds?

Part 10

18. Why does Beowulf take off his armor and refuse to fight Grendel with weapons?

19. What did God have in mind for the battle? Through what metaphor is this shown?

Part 11

20. What did Grendel find was different about this night, when compared to the other nights he had attacked?

21. What as “fate” intended for Grendel that night? Why is the reference to the “old religion” appropriate in this section?

22. What did Grendel do with the first Geat he came across? What was different about the second Geat?

23. What was Grendel’s only instinct during the battle?

24. What is the only thing that could destroy Herot?
25. Why could Beowulf’s men’s swords not work against Grendel?

26. What does Grendel “discover” that night?

27. Grendel escapes, but what does he leave behind?

28. Where does Grendel go after he escapes Beowulf?

29. What does Beowulf do with what Grendel left behind?