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Beowulf- Grendel & The Coming of Beowulf



Part I

Directions: Answer the following questions, *in complete, detailed sentences utilizing quotes for support.*

1. Why does Grendel attack the Danes? Describe the attack.
2. What is Grendel's role in the poem?
3. What is the "one thing" that Grendel cannot touch in Hrothgar's hall? Why?
4. Whom do the Danes turn to for help with Grendel before Beowulf comes to their aid? How is the influence of Christian belief evident in the passage?
5. What does Beowulf boast or brag about?

6. Compare and contrast Beowulf and King Hrothgar. (You can use a Venn Diagram!)

7. How does Beowulf choose to fight Grendel? Why do you think he made this decision?

Part II – Vocabulary

Directions: Match the following words with the correct definition.

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| 1. _____ Fens | A. Roaming in search of property to steal or people to attack |
| 2. _____ Foundling | B. Endured something without complaint |
| 3. _____ Marauding | C. Low marshy area |
| 4. _____ Reaver | D. A robber |
| 5. _____ Tholed | E. An abandoned infant cared for by others |