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Beowulf

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### *Beowulf*

In this exciting and problematic story, Beowulf a young warrior, battles and appears but also strives for glory to become the epic hero. Beowulf son of Edgetho is destined to be the hero and savior of the people. Beowulf first begins his journey off to Herot to visit Hrothgar, the king of the Danes and he visits him to explore the monster terrorizing the Danish people. Hrothgar believes Beowulf is up to the challenge because of the tales and stories of Beowulf defeating giants and monsters; this intrigues Hrothgar because this monster is raining down terror on his people and his land. Beowulf soon learns that the monster terrorizing the Danish people is a life taking one by the name of Grendel; Grendel is very frightening because of how he leaves his victims with blood dripping, ripped apart, and bones crushed. Beowulf also learns that Grendel fights without any weapons, so this leads to Beowulf not using any weapons whenever him and Grendel cross paths. The epic hero Beowulf allows Grendel to take the life of one of his soldiers: this is so Beowulf will learn Grendel's fighting skills and his style of fighting, and when Beowulf does take on the terrorizing monster: he defeats him by ripping his arm off. Beowulf shows his victory off by

hanging Grendel's arm up in the hall, although Grendel's mom comes and takes the arm back; she is also not as strong as Grendel, however she is still dangerous. Grendel's mother takes the life of Hrothgar's best friend and Beowulf takes on the battle of challenging her; Beowulf does defeat her by cutting off her head and giving him even more of the epic hero role; this is also helping Beowulf's strive for Lof (cantos 20-21). However that was not the final battle of Beowulf, but when Beowulf did return to his homeland he was named king. Another battle appears and this one is with a fire breathing dragon: Beowulf intends to slay one more opponent terrorizing his people, according to Beowulf he will need his weapons because of how powerful this dragon really is (cantos 35). Beowulf takes on his final and last epic battle with his biggest enemy yet. Beowulf is still just as calm, and confident as he always has been: Beowulf is destined to defeat his last opponent and his toughest. Beowulf begins his battle differently than others, but this is because fate is already against him. The scenes taking place in this final battle very much foreshadow that this will be an epic battle: steam is roaring into the midst air and stone arches are all around, however a problem instantly occurs for the epic hero: he stabs the dragon and immediately his sword breaks, so Beowulf realizes he could very much die and not be victorious how he always has been and how he is used to being. This battle continues, but Beowulf becomes wounded with a bite wound to the neck and this eventually kills him: Wiglaf stays to help and defeats the life taking dragon of Beowulf; their protector and Beowulf ask Wiglaf to bring in the treasure. According to Beowulf he gives thanks to God

before his death and he thanks him for the treasure(Cantos 38). Although Beowulf fits the epic hero title and pursues it,and even a tower is built for him:in this tower the treasures of the dragon are placed and the ashes of Beowulf. The celebration of him takes place when his soldiers ride around and tell stories of him(Cantos 43).However the life of Beowulf is not in vain,as during his 50 year reign;Beowulf slaughtered dangerous monsters terrorizing and frightening the Danish people and the people of Geatland.