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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is Beowulf's main problem when fighting Grendel's mother?
  - Ⓐ She has powers and casts a spell on him.
  - Ⓑ His sword is useless against her.
  - Ⓒ He cannot see in the darkness of her hall.
  - Ⓓ She has other monsters with her to fight Beowulf.
2. Which detail from the story shows that Beowulf's men care for him?
  - Ⓐ They celebrate when Grendel's mother is defeated.
  - Ⓑ They build a strong boat to sail to help the king.
  - Ⓒ All but one of his men run from the dragon.
  - Ⓓ They stay at the pool's edge even when King Hrothgar's men leave.
3. What conclusions can you draw about Beowulf's character on the basis of his actions in the story?
  - Ⓐ He fights monsters only for fame and treasure.
  - Ⓑ He worries only about protecting his own men.
  - Ⓒ He is brave and wants to use his strength for good.
  - Ⓓ He admires men who are stronger than himself.
4. Which of the following events happens first?
  - Ⓐ King Hrothgar's closest friend is killed.
  - Ⓑ Beowulf wrestles with Grendel in the golden hall.
  - Ⓒ Beowulf kills the dragon that has been attacking his people.
  - Ⓓ Beowulf jumps into the pool to find Grendel's mother.

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5. A **moor** is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ a wet area of land that cannot be farmed
  - Ⓑ a dark area of land covered with tall trees
  - Ⓒ a dry area of land where people cannot live
  - Ⓓ a sunny area of land with many plants
6. After Beowulf learns that King Hrothgar's men have been attacked by Grendel, he \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ waits to see what will happen
  - Ⓑ is scared of Grendel but decides to help the king
  - Ⓒ sends his men ahead to see if they can kill Grendel first
  - Ⓓ leaves right away to help the king
7. Which of the following words is a synonym for **strength**?
  - Ⓐ mead
  - Ⓑ might
  - Ⓒ fiend
  - Ⓓ mail
8. Why does King Hrothgar call for Beowulf after Grendel's mother kills his friend?
  - Ⓐ The king does not want to put himself or his men at risk.
  - Ⓑ Beowulf is the only man strong enough to defeat Grendel's mother.
  - Ⓒ The king wants Beowulf to set a trap for Grendel's mother.
  - Ⓓ The king wants Beowulf to train his men so they can defeat her.
9. On the basis of this story, what can you tell about King Hrothgar?
  - Ⓐ He is well-liked and good to his men.
  - Ⓑ He is lazy and does not want to fight Grendel alone.
  - Ⓒ He cares only about himself.
  - Ⓓ He is not very brave and will not fight in battle.

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10. Fame is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ being feared by your enemies
- Ⓑ being a well-trained warrior
- Ⓒ being well-known or talked about
- Ⓓ being disliked by people

11. **Extended Response:** Do you think Beowulf was a good king? Why or why not?

12. **Extended Response:** Why does Beowulf order his men to wait for him on the mountainside while he faces the dragon alone?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Beowulf

*Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character*

1. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
2. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
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7. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include supporting details from the text.
12. Students' responses will vary but should include the idea that Beowulf feels it would be shameful to fight the dragon with a large group of men since, in his youth, he was able to slay Grendel and Grendel's mother alone.