***Beowulf* Questions**

**The Battle with Grendel**

1. How do you think Grendel compares to the fictional monsters in today’s books and movies?
2. (a) When does Grendel first go to Herot?  
   (b) Explain what the warriors are doing when he arrives.  
   (c) What does he do to them?
3. (a) What is Beowulf’s plan for fighting Grendel?  
   (b) Why does he choose this plan?
4. How does Grendel die?
5. At the beginning of the poem, Hrothgar’s warriors are happy, whereas Grendel is consumed by hatred. What causes these differences in attitude?
6. How does Beowulf’s remark, “Fate will unwind as it must,” reflect the Anglo-Saxon’s attitude toward fate?
7. What traits of Beowulf and Grendel raise the fight between them to an epic struggle between two great opposing forces in the world?