

THE SANCTITY OF THE MEAD-HALL

3. Read lines 164-169.

- What is special about Hrothgar's throne?

- Why you think Grendel can't touch it?

SWORDS AND WEAPONRY

4. List all of the significant weapons, and explain how/why they are used.

| WEAPONS | WHO USES IT/HOW IT IS USED | WHY THIS IS SIGNIFICANT |
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| Beowulf's bare hands | | |
| Hrunting | | |
| Giant's sword | | |
| Naegling | | |

BRAVERY VS. COWARDICE

5. Read the following lines about Unferth, then write a paragraph that argues that Unferth undergoes a character transformation from cowardice to bravery.

- 499-532
- 581-601
- 979-989
- 1164-1167
- 1455-1472
- 1488-1491
- 1807-1812

6. Read the following lines about Wiglaf, then write a paragraph that explains why he is considered brave.

- 2596-2613
- 2625-2668
- 2694-2701
- 2743-2817

ROLE OF WOMEN

7. Contrast the two main female characters in Beowulf. List characteristics, actions, and roles. Think beyond just the obvious differences.

| WEAHLTHEOW | GRENDEL'S MOTHER |
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