

Reading Questions Section III of Beowulf (pages 149 - 213)

Directions: Read these questions carefully **BEFORE** you read the section For each of the questions, mark and label in your book passages that pertain. Finally, list the passage page numbers on this answer sheet, along with any thoughts you have that might answer the question.

1. Look for, mark and record uses of foreshadowing throughout this section. (i.e., when does the author alert you that something will happen in future?)

2. On pages 153-4 is a passage (lines 2242 - 2270) that speaks of the “keeper of the hoard”. What might this passage be saying about life?

After you’ve read the entire section, return to reread this passage and see if it is like another part of the section. Which part?

In what ways are they alike?

3. Reread the “Father’s Lament” on pages 166 - 7 (lines 2444 - 2462). What literary device is this like?

Why might this passage have been a part of this epic?

4. On page 213 (lines 3166 - 3168) it is said that “gold is useless.” In what ways has gold proved either useless or trouble-inducing in this section of the tale?

How does this compare with the situation of the Danes in the beginning of the tale? In what ways throughout the story might gold have proved useless?