

Reading Questions Section II of Beowulf (pages 71 - 149)

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. Reread the pages in section I that introduce us to Unferth (pages 35 - 41). In what ways does Unferth serve as a foil to Beowulf?

How does Unferth seem to change in section II? (pages 101 - 103) Why might this be the case?

What is ironic about Beowulf's gift to Unferth (if he dies)?

2. What references to a heroic code do you find in this section?

3. What do Hrothgar's admonitions to Beowulf (pages 117 - 121) reveal about power and how a ruler is to use it?

4. What does the comparison and contrast between Queen Hgyd and Queen Modthryth (pages 131- 135) say about power and how a ruler is to use it?