Beowulf Chapters Six through Twelve Questions

***Complete these questions in your journals. In clued specific details as a point of reference for future assignments and writings***.

**Chapter Six**

According to Beowulf, why is he qualified to fight Grendel?

How does Beowulf plan to fight Grendel?

**Chapter Seven**

In the past, why did Beowulf’s father swear loyalty to Hrothgar?

**Chapter Eight**

Of what does Unferth accuse Beowulf?

What can be discerned about Beowulf’s personality by his response to Unferth’s insult?

**Chapter Nine**

Explain Beowulf’s tone and meaning in his statement to Unferth: “Heorot would not

have such havoc if your battle were as bold as your boast is loud! But he has found

that he need not fear reprisal in sword-clashes with your Danish clan, your people, the

mighty Scyldings.” (Pg. 29)

What ceremonial act does the queen perform when she arrives in the hall?

Who serves the men with the mead-cup? What does this custom suggest about the

culture?

What does Hrothgar tell Beowulf before they separate for the evening?

**Chapter Ten**

Beowulf discards his weapons in order to be on equal ground with Grendel. What does

this action reveal about Beowulf’s personality?

How is Grendel described? Why does the author describe him this way?

In what way is the author’s perspective shifting from a pagan viewpoint to a

monotheistic viewpoint?

**Chapter Eleven**

How is Grendel’s death or defeat foreshadowed?

Why is the word “destiny” capitalized?

**Chapter Twelve**

Why can weapons not harm Grendel?

What trophy does Beowulf take from Grendel and place on display?

How is the battle between Beowulf and Grendel an example of good versus evil?