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***Beowulf* Study Guide #2: Beowulf and Grendel’s Mother (lines 1251-2199, p. 89-149)**

Another Attack (lines 1251-1382)

1. Why has Grendel's mother come to Heorot? Is it the same reason Grendel had? Why might she be a more difficult foe than Grendel was?
2. Who did Grendel's mother kill? What is Hrothgar's response? What does this tell us about this king?

Beowulf Fights Grendel's Mother (lines 1383-1650)

1. How does Beowulf tell Hrothgar to respond to his grief? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?
2. What happens when Beowulf enters the mere? What is surprising about where Grendel and his mother live in the mere? Does this feel out of place in this epic poem? Why or why not?
3. How does Beowulf kill Grendel's mother? How did his fight against her compare to his fight against Grendel? Which one do you think was a harder fight? Why?

Further Celebration at Heorot (lines 1651-1798)

1. What and why does Hrothgar tell us about Heremod? What lesson is Hrothgar aiming to teach with the Heremod example?

Beowulf Returns Home (lines 1799-2199)

1. Beowulf reports to Hygelac that Hrothgar may marry his daughter Freawaru to Ingeld. Why does he plan to do that? What does Beowulf expect the result will be? (Remember the Finn story, lines 1070-1158) Is this the type of report we expected from the hero Beowulf, or are we seeing a new side of him?