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***Beowulf* Study Guide #3: Beowulf and the Dragon (lines 2200-3182, p. 150-213)**

The Dragon Wakes (lines 2200-2509)

1. Why is the dragon angry? Why did the man take a cup? What does this remind you of? Hint: We read it already this year! What are your thoughts about this interesting connection?
2. What did the dragon destroy that evening? How does Beowulf react to this news? Why does he react this way?
3. When the throne was first offered to Beowulf, he turned it down. Why? What does this show us about his character? How did he eventually become king anyway? Why do you think he accepted the offer that time?

Beowulf Attacks the Dragon (lines 2510-2820)

1. Beowulf tells his companions to stand back and let him fight the Dragon alone, saying this was his fight and not there’s. Why does he think this? Do you think his perspective is right? Why or why not?
2. Describe Beowulf’s battle with the dragon. Did you expect the final results, or did they surprise you? Why? Meanwhile, what did his companions do? How is Wiglaf different?
3. What happens when Beowulf sees the gold? How does it seem to affect him?
4. How does Beowulf want to be buried? Why does this seem appropriate?

This is the End (lines 2821-3182)

1. What does Wiglaf say to those who left Beowulf? What does he expect will happen in the future? Do you think he was too hard on them? Why or why not?
2. In the end, were Wiglaf’s predictions accurate? How so? What does this say about him?
3. What did the Geats say about Beowulf in the last three lines of the poem? Are these the terms one would expect to be used to describe a military hero?