

***Grendel* Quiz**

I. Short answer: On a separate piece of white-lined paper, answer the following questions in a short paragraph each. Use specific references to the text to support your answers.

1. Describe Grendel, mentally and emotionally, before he meets the dragon.
2. How does Grendel feel about the old Shaper in the beginning of the story?
3. How does Grendel feel about his mother?
4. How does the dragon change Grendel into the monster we know from *Beowulf*?
5. Why are swords useless against Grendel now?
6. We learn more about Unferth in this story than in *Beowulf*. Why does he live in shame and bitterness?
7. Describe how Grendel feels about Queen Wealtheow?
8. How does Hrothgar come to marry Wealtheow?
9. How does Grendel feel when he first sees *Beowulf*?
10. How does Grendel describe his fight with *Beowulf*?

II. For each quote, identify the meaning and importance of the quote to the story as a whole.

1. "Thus I fled, ridiculous hairy creature torn apart by poetry, crawling, whimpering, streaming tears, across the world like a two-headed beast."
2. "They only think they think. No total vision. It's damned hard, you understand, confining myself to concepts familiar to a creature of the Dark Ages. Not that one age is darker than another. That's the gist of it. In a billion billion billion years, everything will have come and gone several times, in various forms. Even I will be gone."
3. "I no longer remember exactly what he sang. I know only that it had a strange effect on me: it no longer filled me with doubt and distress, loneliness, shame. It enraged me. It was their confidence, maybe their blissful, swinish ignorance, their bumptious self-satisfaction, and, worst of all, their hope."
4. "If I murdered the last of the Scyldings, what would I live for? I'd have to move. So now, for once unsure of victory, I might set limits to desire: go to sleep, put off further raids till the Geats go home."