

Grendel Chapter 4 Warren adapted from Hererra

Directions: Read the summaries for the zodiac sign and philosophy. Read chapter 4 of Grendel. Answer the questions. When finished place document in your Grendel folder.

Zodiac Sign: Cancer

Dates: June 21- July 22 (Summer)

Element: Water

Ruling Planet: Moon (celestial body of moods and emotions)

Symbol: The Crab

Stone: Moonstone

Life Pursuit: constant reassurance and intimacy

Desire: to feel safe

The zodiac sign Cancer is symbolized by the Crab, with its impenetrable outer shell and vulnerable underside. Just as the Crab claw grips, Cancer energy makes us cling to comforts—from job security to beloved family members and pets. The Crab also carries its home on its back, and Cancer is about setting up a cozy and safe space wherever it goes. Change can threaten this security-seeking sign, which seeks to plant deep roots. Under the influence of a Cancer planetary transit, they feel sentimental and nostalgic. These are times for nurturing themselves and their loved ones. The essence of Cancer energy is sensitive, domestic, feminine, maternal, compassionate, caretaking, romantic, and creative. Negative Cancer vibes can be gossipy, cliquey, isolated, passive-aggressive, hypersensitive, and overly competitive. Under the Cancer influence, emotions and intuition overrule their logic and intellect. Cancer rules the stomach and literally urges us to “go with our gut.” Cancer energy often feels soothed and nurtured. However, they may play it too safe or feel smothered by too much Cancer energy, which can veer into coddling and codependence.

Philosophical Movement: Theology

In this chapter the Shaper begins to sing of creation. A creation story implies, eventually, the development of a religion. Gardner, like many sociologists, views religion as a binding factor of society. Even Grendel is drawn to it.

Questions:

1. In bullet points, list the key events and characters in this chapter:

2. Gardner alludes to many Judeo Christian stories of the Old Testament. List three allusions.

3. Zodiac Connection. How does Gardner allude to the zodiac sign Cancer? List three examples:

4. Philosophy Connection. The Shaper as part of the stories he tell, explains creation and the religion that followed. Grendel says, “Oh, what a conversion!” What does Grendel believe about himself now that he did not believe or know before?