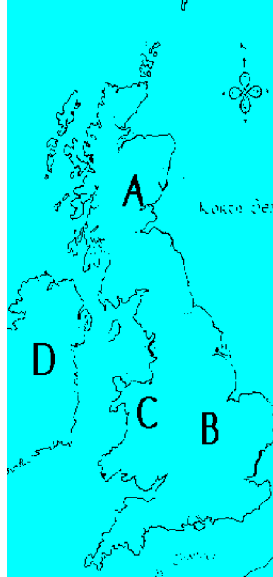


Beowulf, Grendel, High Noon – 2019

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1. In the map above, England is denoted by the area around
a) A b) B c) C d) D e) none of these
2. The word “orc” [“Ork” in the novel] originally meant (in Old English)
a) wise one b) priest c) ogre/destroyer d) God/Creator e) Josh and Jake
3. Beowulf’s decision to not leave his friend during his swim race (in *Beowulf*) could be compared to: a) Grendel putting leaving the bird on the ground in Grendel b) the Ram that refuses to budge in Grendel c) the phone operator who stayed at her job on 9/11 d) the student who rescued people from the rubble of the pentagon on 9/11 e) Kanye interrupting Taylor Swift
4. All of the following were brought up in our Vertex (Quotes) on Chapter 9 of *Grendel* (Ork and the Destroyer) **except**:
a) a poem by Byron b) the original meaning of “Ork” c) Chapter 5 and the Dragon d) “Deor” and everything passing e) “Ode to the West Wind” – and spring following winter
5. In the end of *Grendel*, the title “monster” sees the warrior that he is fighting
a) grow wings b) as Unferth c) through a wall of apples d) slip and fall e) on an “old town road”.
6. John Gardner was present when his
a) father died b) mother died c) sister died d) brother died
7. Beowulf fights Grendel in what is now known as
a) Sweden b) Scandinavia c) Denmark d) England e) Florida
8. After Beowulf defeats the monster Grendel in *Beowulf*, he receives gifts from Hrothgar, this is fitting (in Anglo-Saxon culture) because
a) the king comes before the self b) he has earned them c) God is introduced by the monks d) Grendel is given a fair fight e) the king won them in a contest with a dj
9. While Grendel appears to be a pagan monster, the author of *Beowulf* “Christianizes” him by
a) making him the descendent of Cain b) having him flee to “hell” as his death c) Giving him a Christian name d) a & b e) b & c
10. The man who challenges Beowulf in Hrothgar's court is known as
a) Unferth b) Ecglaf c) Wiglaf d) Ecgtheow e) Hygelac
11. Beowulf's uncle and king of the Geats is known as
a) Unferth b) Hrothgar c) Wiglaf d) Ecgtheow e) Hygelac
12. The speaker of this quote: "The help I brought in the bitter battle! Yet still I strove...To aid my kinsman."
a) Hrothgar b) Beowulf c) Wiglaf d) Hygelac e) Alagear
13. *Beowulf* was
a) composed in the 6th century and written in the late 8th century b) composed in the 4th century and written in the early 7th century c) composed in the 12th century and written in the 15th century d) composed in the 6th century and written in the late 9th century

14. Beowulf's special preparations for fighting the dragon involve
 a) finding a shield made of iron b) practicing hand-to-hand combat as he will use no weapons c) grabbing a giant's sword
 d) using Unferth's sword e) watching World Federation Wrestling and writing down tips
15. Beowulf wishes he could attack the dragon in hand-to-hand combat but he does
 a) not wish to antagonize it b) not want to be killed c) not know how to grapple with it d) not know who will help him
 e) in the end, anyway
16. *Beowulf* may, at times, be considered a work of Propaganda because
 a) it uses heroes and villains b) it is written using Biblical references c) Beowulf is the hero of the story d) listeners
 are shown the qualities they should imitate e) the Scop had his own motives
17. Because it takes 4 men to carry back Grendel's head, we learn about
 a) the men who surround Beowulf b) Grendel's facial features c) Grendel's size d) the death of the dragon
 e) Bart Simpson
18. The following quote:
 'Tis a wondrous marvel how might God
 In gracious spirit bestows on men...princely power"
 is an example of propaganda stressing
 a) the wonders of the new Christian church b) the wisdom of the Geats c) that kingly power comes from God d) the
 gracious ghost who haunts the Danes e) the shortness of life
19. When Beowulf asks to see the treasure that he has died earning, it could be said that
 a) he values property more than life b) he has earned it unlike the men who deserted him c) he knows it will revive him
 d) he is testing Wiglaf's trustworthiness e) his eyes were destroyed by watching Miley Cyrus's Video Music Award performance
20. Hygelac's death in battle is important in understanding the values of the Anglo-Saxons because it shows
 a) how often their heroes died b) the greatness of a warrior-king c) words backed by deeds d) b & c
 e) none of these
21. Herot (Hereot) means what in Old English – Hall of the _____?
 a) deer b) dragon c) hart d) hurt e) Crazy Twerking Twins
22. Take a look at the following line:
 Nightlong prowling the misty moors
 The **caesura** in this line occurs
 a) with the two words: misty moors b) between *prowling* and *the* c) between *prow* and *ling*.
 d) in the endings of *nightlong* and *prowling* e) there is no caesura in this line
23. Alliteration is the
 a) use of two words as a metaphor for another word b) the repetition of consonants in words c) the repetition of
 vowels in words d) the repetition of consonant sounds in words e) pause between two parts of a line
24. *Whale-road* is an example of a
 a) caesura b) kenning c) extended metaphor d) scylding e) Elmer Fudd saying "railroad"
25. Beowulf does not take more treasure back after his battle with Grendel's mom because
 a) he has not earned it b) it belongs to his king c) he has not given thanks to God d) he won through "ill" means
 e) he forgot his Eddie Bauer backpack
26. The problems of reconciling religion in *Beowulf* go back to it being composed in
 a) Christian times and written down in Pagan times b) the spherical meter of the Giants c) Pagan times and written
 down in Christian times d) Old English and written in Middle English e) Biblical terms and written down in Pagan
 terms
27. An example of sexism can be found in the description of
 a) Grendel's mother b) Grendel's mother's fight with the Danes c) Beowulf's comments on women d) the description of
 Hrothgar's queen e) the reaction of Beowulf's mother, upon his return.

28. Assuming that the number was the same in the original, oral poem - it is important to note that Grendel attacked the Danes for 12 years before Beowulf came, because
- a) that fact shows Beowulf is an even greater hero/ Grendel a greater monster
 - b) there were 12 apostle in the Christian Bible
 - c) It takes Beowulf 12 years to journey from the land of Geats
 - d) Warrior-kings were important to the Anglo-Saxons
 - e) it will take me twelve years to grade your last essay...
29. When his people send the king Scyld out to sea on his boat, it is a fitting and cyclical gesture because
- a) He was captain of a great Viking vessel
 - b) He was sent away on such a boat as a young boy
 - c) The boat was the most treasured item in the kingdom
 - d) He slew Grendel's mother under the nicor pool
 - e) he skill'ed at what he does
30. Beowulf would leave his armor to his son, but
- a) he has no son
 - b) his son left with the other men
 - c) his armor was consumed by the dragon
 - d) Wiglaf is more deserving
 - e) his son is a vegetarian
31. Beowulf says he does not leave Brecca because
- a) Brecca has lost the competition
 - b) Brecca has won the competition
 - c) Boasts must be more important than actions
 - d) he had said he would stay by his side
 - e) they are both watching Anglo-Saxon Idol
32. The ram at the beginning of John Gardner's *Grendel*, is analogous to
- a) the deer he encounters later
 - b) how men view the monster, Grendel
 - c) how the reader views Grendel in *Beowulf*
 - d) b & c
33. Grendel call the men who attack him crazy because
- a) they have a shaper with them who lies
 - b) they think he is tree fungus
 - c) they attack him for no reason
 - d) the dragon told him of their "theories that will lead them to hell."
 - e) they like that "Friday" song by Rebecca Black
34. A "stream of consciousness" refers to a special mode of narration that
- a) has sense perceptions mingling with conscious and half-conscious thoughts
 - b) has sense perceptions left out of an otherwise serious dialogue
 - c) follows no pattern that is discernable to the reader
 - d) tries to confuse the reader by jumping around
 - e) a watery stream where the hippies play
35. "They only think they think" is said by
- a) Grendel
 - b) the dragon
 - c) Hrothgar
 - d) the Shaper
 - e) Vanilla Ice
36. "I knew them...yet the things he said seemed true" is said by
- a) Grendel
 - b) the dragon
 - c) Hrothgar
 - d) the Shaper
 - e) the bed intruder guy
37. The death of Grendel (in the book of the same name) can be seen as a reinforcement of the idea (in Grendel's paradigm) that
- a) life is essentially accidental
 - b) life is purposeful
 - c) the boasts of Beowulf were fulfilled
 - d) a & b
 - e) at least he died before he heard that "Friday" song by Rebecca Black
38. The line stating how "well" Grendel worked his misdeeds shows a certain Anglo-Saxon
- a) disdain for the monster
 - b) admiration for the monster
 - c) admiration for his warrior ways
 - d) disdain for his warrior ways
 - e) use of Martha Stewart's best kitchen wreaths
39. When Hrothgars people pray to their stone gods it shows the
- a) power of their pagan beliefs
 - b) impotence of their pagan gods
 - c) monks missed something
 - d) lack of Christian ideals
 - e) episode of that '70's show that was on last week
40. The fact the Hrothgar built Herot as the most powerful and beautiful of all Mead Halls (and that it stood empty for 12 years) gives him special authority on warning Beowulf of
- a) anger
 - b) monsters
 - c) jealousy
 - d) pride
 - e) Budwiser the King of Meads
41. The scorn for the thief who stole the dragon's jeweled cup makes sense in Anglo-Saxon philosophy because
- a) he didn't earn it
 - b) he earned it
 - c) stealing is bad
 - b) boasts must be matched by action
 - e) I said so
42. According to the dragon's philosophy of life – in order to have a Will Kane (as the hero of High Noon) it is necessary to have
- a) a Grendel
 - b) a belief in the abyss
 - c) cobwebs across the chasm
 - d) a Frank Miller
 - e) a martini on the rocks
43. Helen Ramirez leaves Hadleyville because she is
- a) afraid of Frank Miller
 - b) aware the town will die when Will dies
 - c) a shrewd businesswoman
 - d) in love with Frank Miller
 - e) retired from being our school nurse
44. Who is the shaper of *High Noon*
- a) Will Kane
 - b) Stanley Kramer – the director
 - c) Frank Miller
 - d) Mrs. Kane
 - e) Richard Simmons
45. In *Batman, The Dark Knight* – the Joker would be the equivalent of whom from *Grendel* (think on what he **says** and **does**)
- a) Grendel
 - b) The Dragon
 - c) a & b
 - d) the ram
 - e) Michael Jackson at his Neverland Ranch

T or F In the following questions darken **a** for true, **b** for false

46. God is always the first entity to receive thanks from Beowulf
47. The battle between Grendel and Beowulf in *Grendel* can be seen as a battle between the accidental and purposeful.
48. The first ones to write down the oral story of Beowulf were most likely monks.
49. The admirers of Giuseppe Verdi lined the streets with straw as he lay dying.
50. Hrothgar says that “we are on our own again” after the shaper’s death.
51. “Autowreck” is an old Anglo-Saxon poem
52. England is never mentioned in *Beowulf*.
53. Beowulf (the character’s name) is never mentioned *Grendel*.
54. The Dragon in *Grendel* foretells a future of man being destroyed by a great flood.
55. In *Grendel*, Wealtheow is given to prevent warfare between two great tribes.
56. The incident with the Ram at the beginning of the novel reinforces our impression that Grendel believes that life is meaningless.
57. Grendel lets Unferth live (among other reasons) in order to humiliate him and destroy his sense of heroism.
58. The problem with building a treasure hoard, in *Grendel*, is that it builds jealousy among a king’s thanes.
59. Ork is the name, in *Grendel*, of Hrothgar’s predecessor king.
60. When the shaper dies, Grendel then believes, that his listeners are then freed from being alone.
61. *Grendel* was written some 1200-1500 years after *Beowulf* was composed.
62. Beowulf sacrifices one of his men so that he can watch how Grendel fights.
63. Hrothgar warns Beowulf against being prideful.
64. The story of Scyld is recounted in *Grendel*.
65. One meaning of *quick* is *alive*
66. A family connection between Grendel and Unferth has to do with
 - a) the mothers b) the murder of brothers c) the shaper d) apples e) Vanilla Ice
67. Grendel’s lair, in *Beowulf*, can be considered as “hell”
 - a) literally b) figuratively c) both a & b d) by only the monks e) compared to room 208
68. The apples that Grendel throws at Unferth echo all **except** the following idea
 - a) the abundant harvest b) the absurdity of Unferth’s ideas of heroism c) the fruit of the shaper d) the apples from the tree of knowledge in Eden
69. Benjamin Bagby is famous for
 - a) writing a new English translation of Beowulf b) directing *High Noon* c) hurting John Gardner in an accident d) performing Beowulf as a scop e) eating 417 hot dogs in one sitting
70. The word “shaper” **once (as in “not now”)** also meant
 - a) giver b) teller c) creator d) warrior e) Biggest Loser
71. In *Beowulf* which of the following are written about with scorn – or portrayed negatively
 - a) the thief who steals a cup from the dragon b) Grendel c) Beowulf d) the Coast Guard Warrior e) Key Board Cat
72. When the composer Verdi was dying the populace
 - a) rejoiced in his death b) lined the street with straw to give him quiet c) cheered him loudly outside his window d) wrote a mass performed outside his villa e) created a new ride at Disney World – Verdi’s Mountain
73. Who “functions” as Grendel in *High Noon* (according to the Dragon’s point of view)?
 - a) Grendel b) Frank Miller c) Helen Ramirez d) little Tommy e) Hide your kids, Hide your Wife
74. The beginning of Chapter 6 of *Grendel* – “Nothing had changed, Everything had changed” is a literary allusion to
 - a) *A Christmas Carol* b) *Beowulf* c) *The Once and Future King* d) *A Tale of Two Cities* e) *The Joker*
75. John Gardner died
 - a) falling into a chasm while hiking b) of cancer c) in a motorcycle accident d) while being robbed in New York e) he is still alive