## **Beowulf** Take Home Quiz

- 1. In your own words, describe what a scop is.
- 2. What is a comitatus?
- 3. Explain the concept of wergild.
- 4. Why does Beowulf help a different clan in spite of the danger?
- 5. Explain the epic characteristic of a guest in terms of Beowulf.
- 6. What is the Anglo-Saxon word for fate?
- 7. What are two of the many important attributes that the Anglo-Saxons believed that all people should have?
- 8. Find an example of alliteration in lines 1-6.
- 9. What part of Heorot will Grendel not touch?
- 10. For how many years had Grendel been attacking Herot?
- 11. What is the purpose of the scene between Beowulf and Unferth?
- 12. What was the outcome of the swimming match Beowulf had with Brecca?
- 13. With what does Beowulf fight Grendel with?
- 14. What does Beowulf hang from over the rafters after his victory?
- 15. Where does Grendel go to die?
- 16. For what reasons do you think Beowulf is able to defeat Grendel?
- 17. True or False: Using his ancestral sword, Beowulf kills Grendel's mother.
- 18. What advice does Hrothgar give Beowulf before he sails home?
- 19. True or False: Beowulf becomes king of the Geats.
- 20. True or False: After Beowulf's weapon fails him against the dragon, his men rush to help him.
- 21. Who does Beowulf name as his successor to the throne?
- 22. What happens to the dragon's treasure after it is killed?
- 23. Describe how Beowulf is buried.
- 24. What is the main theme of Beowulf?
- 25. How is Beowulf an example of the tensions between Pagan and Christian forces in society?