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***Beowulf* ch. 1-2**

**“A Ship Without a Sail” and “A Hall Full of Blood”**

**Directions:**  Answer the following four questions, and make sure to use complete sentences in #3 and #4. You can and should use your book.

1. Remember that direction characterization is when an author directly states what a character is like. For example, if I wrote, “Mrs. McAllister is evil” that would be direct characterization. In the first chapter “A Ship Without a Sail,” find at least one example of direction characterization of Scyld Scefing. Write the quote with page number below.
2. Remember that indirect characterization is when an author shows you what a character is like through his/her thoughts and feelings, appearance, actions, words, or other character’s reactions to him/her. Find at least one example of indirect characterization of Scyld Scefing in the first chapter “A Ship Without a Sail.” Write the quote below with the page number, and tell me what trait this reveals.
3. Explain what Hrothgar’s motivation is for building Hall Heorot.

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1. Why are Hall Heorot’s walls dripping with blood?

BONUS

Reread the description of the creature that comes out of the fen on page 7. What do the descriptive details cause you to picture? Draw the creature!

**Chapter 1 "A Ship Without a Sail"**

**sheaf:** a bundle of plants or grain

**mast:** a large pole in the middle of a ship that a sail or flag hangs from

**spindthrift:** the spray that comes off the top of a wave

**tributes:** gifts you give to show someone you respect and honor them

**treasury:** a place where people keep treasure, valuables and money.

**Corselet:** a piece of armor

**prow:** the front of ship or boat

**litter:** a flat sheet of cloth or canvas spread out on a frame that is used for carrying someone who can’t walk

**Ch 2 "A Hall Full of Blood"**

**deed:** an action or achievement

s**ufficient:** enough

**spoils:** the prizes or benefits you get from winning something—a war for example.

**retainers:** servants, people sworn to serve a lord or noble

i**vory:** a hard white material that comes from an animal’s tusks; it’s very valuable

**masons:** people who work with stone

**fen:** a swamp or marsh

**sentinel:** guard

**weary: tired**