Character List

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| **Character** | **Description** |
| Beowulf | an ideal warrior of the Geats and the hero of the poem |
| Dragon | a fire-breathing, snakelike monster that terrorizes the Geats |
| Grendel | a monster with human qualities that terrorizes Herot for twelve years |
| Grendel’s mother | a monster that also terrorizesHerot |
| Hrothgar | Danish king and builder of Herot |
| Higlac | king of the Geats and uncle of Beowulf |
| Shild | legendary king of the Danes and great grandfatherof Hrothgar |
| Unferth | a warrior in Hrothgar’s court whochallenges Beowulf’s bravery |
| Welthow | Hrothgar’s wife |
| Wiglaf | a young warrior and relative of Beowulf |
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