

***Beowulf* characters**

from Denmark

Hrothgar (king of the Danes, old friend of Beowulf's father)

Wealhtheow (Hrothgar's queen, bestows gift on Beowulf)

Unferth (Hrothgar's best warrior, jealous rival of Beowulf)

Aeschere (Hrothgar's wisest advisor and closest friend)

Herot (glorious mead hall built by Hrothgar, left empty for twelve years due to Grendel's attacks)

outcasts in Denmark

Grendel (*hater of happiness* and enemy of the Danes, attacks Herot after feasts)

Grendel's Mother (kills Aeschere in revenge for the killing of Grendel)

from Geatland

Beowulf (warrior from Geatland, travels to Denmark to save the Danes from Grendel)

Hygelac (king of the Geats who Beowulf serves as a warrior)

Ecgtheow (Beowulf's father, former ruler of Geatland)

Hrothgar's lineage:

