**Mr. Valentine’s 12th Grade English Standard – Week 2 Study Guide – First Week of Beowulf**

**1. (From Vocab and Review) - Know alliteration, kennings, epic heroes, and the Anglo-Saxon virtues from last week.**

**2. Who, according to scholars, wrote *Beowulf*?**

**3. Why does King Hrothgar of the Danes build Heorot?**

**4. Who attacks Heorot, and why?**

**5. What biblical figure does the monster descend from, and what was his crime?**

**6. Who comes to slay the monster, and why?**

**7. What does Unferth claim about Beowulf, and how does he respond?**

**8. How many serpents did Beowulf slay?**

**9. How does Beowulf show strength and courage in the swimming match?**

**10. Why does Beowulf not use weapons against Grendel, and what virtues does this show?**