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Voices of the Epic

Directions: Below are five powerful quotes from *Beowulf*.
For each quote:

- Paraphrase it in your own words.
- Explain what it reveals about the character(s) or the culture.
- Identify one **theme** (such as heroism, fate, loyalty, good vs. evil) that connects to the quote.

1. **"Fate goes ever as fate must."**

Meaning:

Paraphrase:

Theme:

Meaning:

Theme:

2. **"I shall win the gold by my
courage, or else mortal combat,
doom of battle, will bear your lord
away."**

4. **"So every man must yield the
leasehold of his days."**

Paraphrase:

Meaning:

Paraphrase:

Theme:

Meaning:

Theme:

5. **"Wiglaf spoke wise and fluent
words: 'We swore that loyalty long
ago.'"**

Paraphrase:

3. **"Grendel, who haunted the
moors, the wild marshes, and
made his home in a hell not hell
but earth."**

Meaning:

Paraphrase:

Theme: