

# Beowulf and The Beast

## Session 3 (pages 29-47)

### **LI: Identify themes in a text**

#### Before Reading

- Read chapter 4 (p29-34) and write a few sentences to predict what you think might happen next in the story.

#### During Reading

Read pages 35-47 and answer the following questions.

1. Write 3 things Grendel dreams about on p35.
2. Write the phrase "keeping my temper with difficulty" in your own words.
3. Write the simile used on p36.
4. What objects in the picture show this is not a modern scene? (p38)
5. There are two similes used on p40. What are they?
6. What words used on p40-42 tell us this is a story from medieval times?
7. What does Beowulf declare on p44?
8. Find the meanings of the following words:
  - a. revellers (p36)
  - b. talons (p36)
  - c. mead (p38)
  - d. rampage (p39)
  - e. throttle (p40)
  - f. dislodge (p40)

#### After Reading

1. How is the language used here different from the modern use of language?
2. Do you think this use of language is effective in creating a medieval theme? Why/why not?
3. The themes of a book are the main things the book is about (e.g. friendship, love, war). What do you think are the themes in this book? Think about your answers to the questions above to help.