

The Building of Heorot

Quick Questions



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9 The Danish king Beowulf was very dear to his
17 people and famous amongst the people of many
25 cities. Beowulf had a son whom he named
32 Halfdan and Halfdan ruled after his father.
39 Whilst ruling, Halfdan had three sons, named
46 Heorogar, Hrothgar and Halga, and a daughter
48 named Onela.

56 Hrothgar was known as a great warrior. His
64 loyal subjects obeyed him eagerly and his army
73 grew to a great size. Hrothgar decided to build
82 the largest hall anyone had ever seen. From this
90 hall, Hrothgar would rule the land. He brought
98 many people from throughout the land to build
108 the great hall and soon, it was ready. He named
110 it Heorot.

The Building of Heorot **Answers**

1. Find and copy an adjective used to describe the hall.

Accept: largest; great.

2. What was the name of Halfdan's daughter?

Accept: Onela

3. Why do you think that everyone helped Hrothgar 'eagerly'?

Accept answers which discuss that Hrothgar was very well liked and respected amongst his loyal subjects.

4. Sum up the second paragraph of this text in 15 words or less.

Accept any reasonable summary of the text within the word limit, such as: 'Hrothgar and his followers built the biggest hall (Heorot) that anyone had ever seen.'