ANALYSIS OF TEXT “BEOWULF’S FUNERAL”

The narrator in the first few rows wants to show the greatness of Beowulf, that his soldiers hung their shields and their helmets on the pyre where Beowulf is deposed.

The exceptional nature of the warrior are demonstrated by the adjectives that describe the huge pyre and adjectives heavy and shining. In the next lines the narrator wants to highlight the authority and the importance of Beowulf describing the lamentations and action of his soldiers. Only the fire could destroy the body of the warrior king, also he refers to the death of Beowulf caused by fighting with the dragon, and the clouds cover the wail of warriors. The narrator wants to emphasize that the people of the Geats without their leader is in danger, without their guide are defenseless and disunited. They abandon their material goods to focus on the spiritual side, this shows that Christianity was very influenced in these time.

Also the strongest men express their lament to demonstrate the magnitude and importance that Beowulf assumes throughout his life.