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The Great people built an enormous pyre for Beowulf : a ’foursquare’ one(line 2), to underline who much important he was. They add to his grave ‘helmetes’, ‘war-shields’, shining armour’ (lines 3-4) to evidence his heroic deeds as a warrior. ‘Mourning a lord far-farmed and beloved’ (line 6) show us how he was loved, important and delighted by his men. This can show how strong was the relationship in a warrior tribe, a feature that characterize this epic poem. Beowulf was praised for his courage and his values and was admired by all, so now everybody cries and they are saddened by his death: ‘They were disconsolate and wailed aloud for their’s lord’s decease.’ (line 13). The ‘Heaven’ (line 19) is nominated, it underlines a life after death and that the author was a Christian. Beowulf was a fantastic, generous and brave man, so he deserves Heaven.

They created a ‘mound on a headland’ so ‘a marker that sailors could see from far away’, so that people from far could see it, this could be another way to highlights how much important he was and shorty of glory by everyone.

‘Mourning his loss as a man and a king’ (line 36) underlines how much they respected and admired both sides od Beowulf: him as warrior and him as normal human being.

They celebrates him singing ‘Chieftains’s song’, but they are also ‘distraught’ by the tragic lost.