

## Old English *Beowulf* Passage Handout

### Lines 1-3

Hwæt we Gārdena            in geardagum  
þeodcyninga            þrym gefrunon  
hu ða æþelingas        ellen fremedon.

### Lines 4-7a

Oft Scyld Scefing    sceþena þreatum,  
monegum mægþum        meodsetla ofteah,  
egsode eorlas,        syððan ærest wearð  
feascaft funden;

### Lines 7b-11

                                  he þæs frofe gebad,  
weox under wolcnum,        weorðmyndum þah  
oð þætt him æghwylc        þara ymsittendra  
ofer hronrade        hyran scolde  
gomban gyltan.        Þæt wæs god cyning.

### Lines 12-16a

Ðæm eafera wæs    æfter cenned  
geong in geardum    þone god sende  
folce to frofre;        fyenðearfe ongeat,  
þæt hie ær drugon    aldorlease  
lange hwile.