**Elements of Epic Poetry – Epic Hero Cycle**



Directions: Fill out the right side of the chart with the corresponding information from *Beowulf* that follows the cycle of an epic hero.

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| The main character is a hero, who is often possessed of **supernatural abilities** or qualities.  |  |
| The hero is charged with a **quest**.  |  |
| The hero is **tested**, often to prove the worthiness of himself and his quest.  |  |
| The presence of numerous mythical beings, magical and helpful animals, and human **helpers** and companions exists. |  |
| The hero’s travels take him to a supernatural **world**, often one that normal human beings are barred from entering.  |  |
| The cycle must reach a **low point** where the hero nearly gives up his quest or appears defeated.  |  |
| A **resurrection** or **return** to the world occurs. |  |
| **Restitution**. Often this takes the form of the hero regaining his rightful place on the throne. |  |