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Grendel by John Gardner

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How does the book begin?

Characterization - Give an example of a dynamic character in the novel. Explain via example why this character fits the description.

Theme: "Theology does not thrive in the world of action and reaction, change: it grows on calm, like the scum on a stagnant pool." Discuss the priest's lesson to Grendel on religion.

Conflict - Is Grendel's conflict with man internal or external? Explain your answer.

Climax- Where does the climax of the novel take place?

Irony - Discuss the irony of Grendel's destruction.

Is this novel a good preface to <u>Beowulf</u>? Support your answer with examples from the novel.
