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The Theme of Reputation and Honor in *Beowulf*

Part I - Look at the character traits listed on the board. Think of an example from your own life when you acted trustworthy through one of these traits.

Part II - Choose one of the quotes below, and on the right side of the chart, respond to your quote. You may choose to define the quote in your own words, connect the quote to your own life, connect the quote to what we've read so far, or write a question about the quote.

Quote:	Your Response:
"It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it" --Benjamin Franklin	
"If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't follow. I'd be at the bottom to catch them when they fall" --unknown	
"The greater the loyalty of a group toward the group, the greater is the motivation among the members to achieve the goals of the group, and the greater the probability that the group will achieve its goals." --Likert	

<p>"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." --William Shakespeare</p>	
<p>"Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. There are too many people who think that the only thing that's right is to get by, and the only thing that's wrong is to get caught." --J.C. Watts</p>	

Part III -

1. Define the word "reputation" in your own words.
2. Why is a reputation important?
3. What factors influence a person's reputation?
4. What was Beowulf's reputation before he arrived at Herot?
5. Do you believe Beowulf is trustworthy? Why / why not?
6. Do the people of Herot trust Beowulf? How do you know?
7. Does Beowulf live up to his reputation? How do you know?