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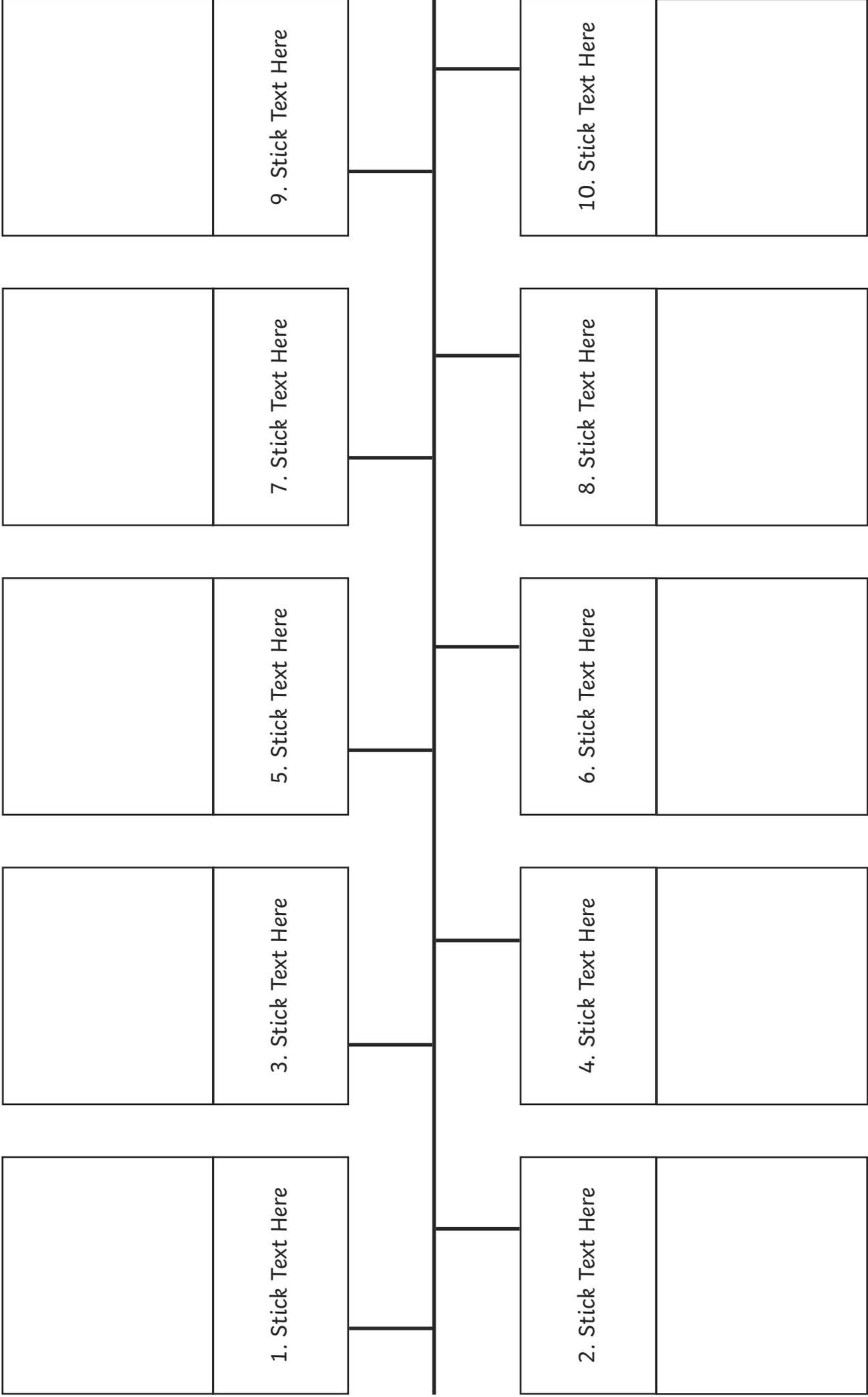
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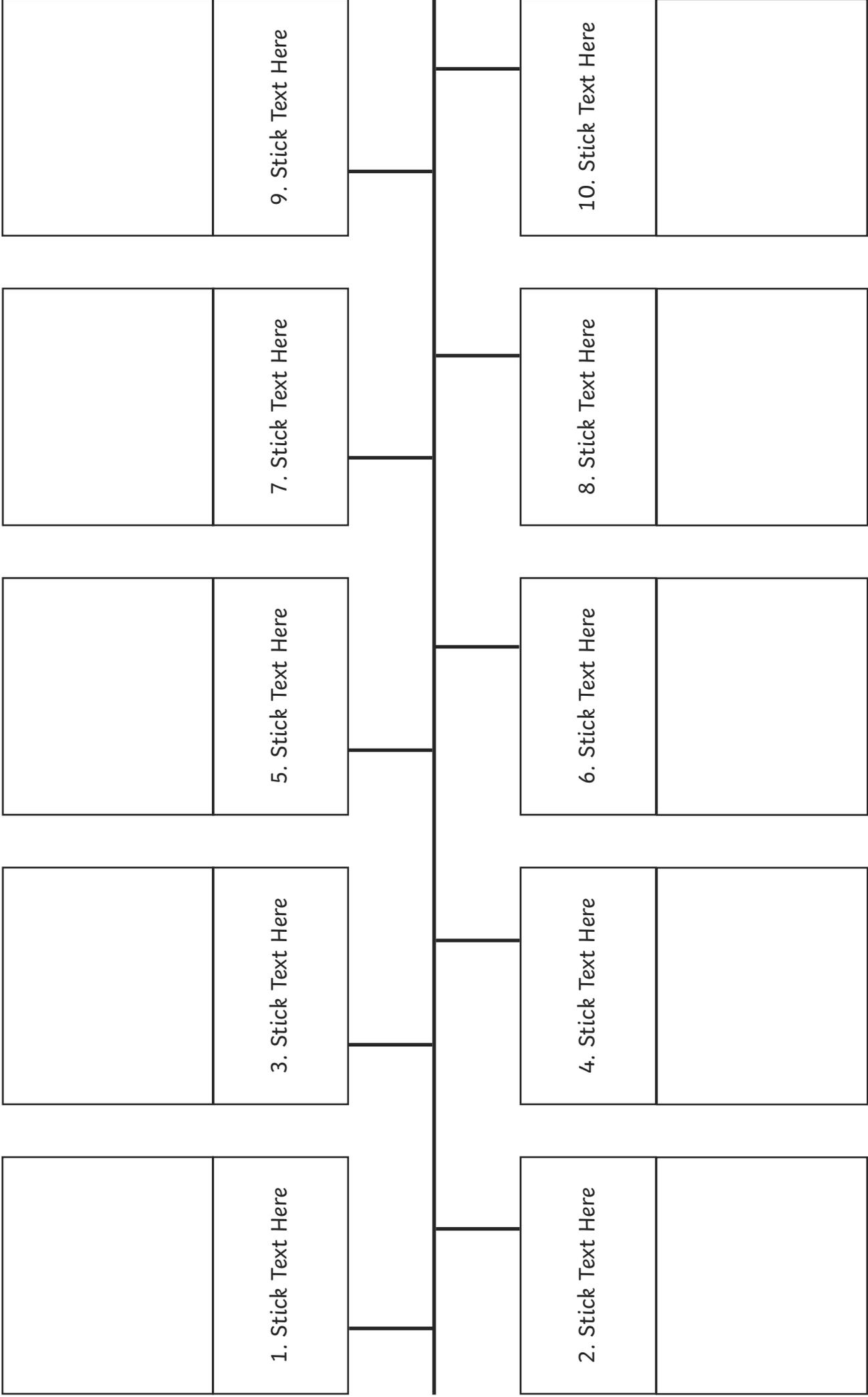
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There are ten main events in the story of Beowulf. Some of these are given below but you need to use the lesson PowerPoint, the internet or non-fiction books to find the others.

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Beowulf Timeline Answers

<p>1. Hrothgar built Heorot. Heorot, meaning hart, was a seat of government as well as a place for the king's warriors to live.</p>	<p>2. Grendel attacked Heorot. Grendel was a monster who lived in the swamps near Heorot. He was angry when he heard the noise from the feasts in Heorot.</p>	<p>3. Heorot lay silent. Grendel killed 30 of Hrothgar's men and the people were terrified of him so they lived at home quietly for the next twelve years.</p>
<p>4. Beowulf travelled to Denmark. When news of Grendel's attack on the Danes reached Geatland, Beowulf went to Denmark to help.</p>	<p>5. Beowulf fought Grendel. Hrothgar was happy to have help and agreed to have another feast in Heorot. Afterwards, Beowulf stayed there waiting until Grendel attacked again. Beowulf defeated Grendel and the monster went back to his swamp and died.</p>	<p>6. Beowulf fought Grendel's mother. She was angry that her son had been killed and attacked Heorot when Hrothgar was celebrating. Beowulf followed her to her lair and killed her with her own sword.</p>
<p>7. Beowulf returned home to Geatland. Hrothgar gave him the family heirloom sword and other gold and treasure as a thank you for killing Grendel and his mother. He warned him of the dangers of pride and fame.</p>	<p>8. Beowulf was crowned King of the Geats. Eventually, Beowulf became King and he was a respected and kind king for many years.</p>	<p>9. Beowulf fought the dragon. Fifty years after Beowulf killed Grendel, one of his servants stole a golden cup from a dragon. The dragon was angry and burned everything around him. Beowulf boasted that he would kill the dragon alone but because he was older, the dragon defeated him.</p>
<p>10. Beowulf's funeral. Beowulf is burned on a funeral pyre and the Geats built a barrow or tumulus in his honour overlooking the sea.</p>		