



BEO WULF



UNIT ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

Period: _____

Due date: _____

Check Your completion	Daily Assignment	Grade (#correct/# total) and numeric score
	Anticipation Guide	_____/100
	Beowulf Notes (this will be tested)	____50 + ____50
	Epic Hero traits, Lit Devices, Christian v. Pagan, and Character analysis	_____/47
	Vocab and Style Practice	_____/19

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ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Answer the following questions in detail. Each response should have 2-3 sentences of explanation.

What is a hero? What special qualities does this person possess?

Statement	Agree/Disagree	Choose the one you agree or disagree with the most and state why?
1. If I swear a sacred oath to stay with someone, I should stay with that person even at the risk of my life.		
2. It is better to be brave and dies sooner, than to be a coward and continue living.		
3. Sometimes great courage can change our fate.		
4. Giving gifts increases people's respect for you.		
5. We die at the time we are meant to die.		
6. If I promise to do something great, I will look worse if I do not do it.		
7. An insult should never be ignored.		
8. It is a greater honor to me to defeat someone stronger than I.		

ANGLO SAXON PERIOD NOTES

The Dark Ages:

Comitatus:

Scops:

Wyrd:

Paganism:

Christian effect:

Anglo Saxon history:



MISC. NOTES:

BEOWULF NOTES

Epic:

Features of epic poetry:



EPIC Hero:

Beowulf plot/facts:

Author info:

Other Characteristics:

Kenning:

Ex:

MISC. NOTES:

EPIC HERO

Chart details that show how Beowulf fits the characteristics of an **EPIC HERO**.

Epic Hero Trait	Quote a textual example (with line numbers)	Explain how this quote reveals the trait
Superior or superhuman strength or intelligence		
On a quest (a journey with a purpose)		
Ethical (chooses right or good over wrong or evil)/ puts life in danger for others		
Brave/valorous deeds		
Flaw (sometimes tragic)		
Resurrection/ Reclaiming of the throne		

LITERARY DEVICES

Quote 3 Kennings: "Mankind's enemy" = Grendel	What noun/thing is the description replacing
Quote 2 examples of alliteration	What consonant sound is being repeated?

Chart examples of **CHRISTIAN BELIEFS AND PAGAN BELIEFS** in the poem. At least 3 per side.

Christian Beliefs in Beowulf	Pagan Beliefs in Beowulf

CHARACTERS AND VALUES

What value does the character symbolize? *Honor (comitatus), loyalty (brotherhood), truth, legacy, humility (avoidance of pride), righteousness, good over evil/right over wrong, wisdom, and importance of father/son relationships.*

Character/ Place	Description/Title/Role	Symbolize	What Anglo-Saxon values do they highlight/break?
Beowulf		The Hero	
King Hrothgar			
Herot	Giant mead hall built by King Hrothgar		
Grendel			
Grendel's Mother			
Unferth			
Wiglaf			
The Dragon			Shows dangers of greed, and power of humility

KEY VOCABULARY

Define as you read (hint: definitions appear bold and off to the side)

1. Affliction:
2. Gorge:
3. Infamous:
4. Lair:
5. Livid:
6. Loathsome:
7. Purge:
8. Talon:

Vocabulary Practice: Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct word from the list. Use a word only once.

affliction	gorge	infamous	lair	livid	loathsome	purge	talon
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9. The monster was eager to _____ on the flesh of the warriors.
10. The warriors agreed that the attack was hateful, but they carried out their _____ task.
11. The monster got one _____ hooked as it clawed the tree.
12. The beast's prowling was like an _____ that would not end.
13. Where their armor did not protect them, they had _____ marks from the battle.
14. "That creature is _____ for his horrible deeds, but we shall defeat him!"
15. The injured monster returned to its _____ to lick its wounds.
16. The older soldiers said it is wise to _____ the battle from our memory.

STYLE PRACTICE

Appositive phrase: a phrase that renames, or add extra info, about another noun right beside it. The appositive can be a short or long combination of words. These phrases can be removed and the sentence still makes sense, but may be less interesting.

Ex: Hrothgar, their lord, sat Joyless in Herot, a mighty prince mourning the fate of his lost friends and companions, knowing its tracks that some demon had torn his followers apart.

17. What piece of punctuation surrounds each appositive phrase? _____

18. **Circle** all the nouns in the sentence. **Double underline** the main verbs. **Underline** the appositive phrases in the following line:

Them Beowulf rose, still brave, still strong, and with his shield at his side, and a mail shirt on his breast, strode calmly, confidently, toward the tower, under the rocky cliffs.

19. Fill in the appositive phrases to complete the sentence.

Beowulf, _____, defeats Grendel, _____, and exhibits

_____.