

The Anglo-Saxons: Beowulf



➤ Go to the following website and search this information:

http://www.earlybritishkingdoms.com/kids/beowulf_poem.html

1. Why is this poem so important?

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2. When was it written?

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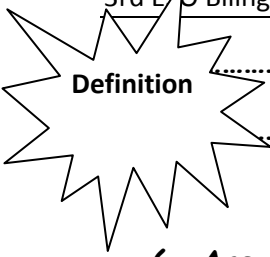
3. By whom was it written?

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4. Describe the roles of a "Minstrel"

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5. In the Oxford dictionary: <http://oxforddictionaries.com/> you will find a definition of epic poems.



Definition

6. Are there any epic poems in the Spanish literature? Which one?
What is the story about?

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7. Who were the Anglosaxons?



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8. What language did they speak?

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9. Spell your name using the runes (you will find the alphabet in this website and in the photocopy attached).

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About the poem

The story is not set in England but in Denmark.

Who was the king of Denmark when this story was set?

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This king was known for having a large army and for having built a great hall.

What was this?

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The main character of this poem is Beowulf, **what are the three deeds he had to face?**

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Now you can read a prose version of the poem and listen to it at the same time

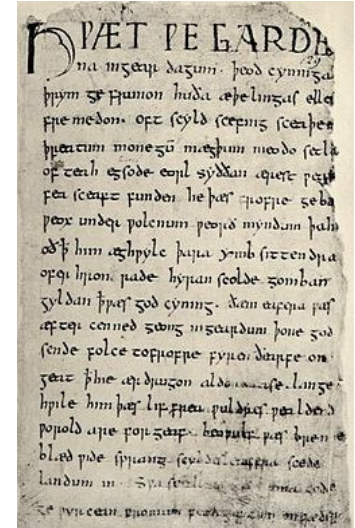
<http://www.myaudioschool.com/?p=3990>

Activities to complete (on a separate paper) while reading:

Chapter I

1. There is an introduction to the story:

- When?
- Where?
- Who?
- What happens?



Chapter II

- Who is Beowulf?
- Why does he come to Daneland?

Chapter III

- What did Hunferth feel about Beowulf?
- So far you have an idea of "old English", what words can you compare to "Modern English"? Can you show the transformation?
- Narrate Beowulf's adventure as a newspaper article nowadays?
- Who was Hrothgar's queen?
- What was he attitude to the people?
- What was the mood in the Great Hall before the battle the following day?

Chapter IV

- What are the verbs that reflect how fierce Grendel was with the warriors he caught?

- What did Beowulf keep of Grendel and was shown as sign of his victory?
- What are the similes used to describe these parts?

Chapter V

- What was the decoration of the place like?
- What presents did the king give Beowulf?
- Who was mourning the death of Grendel?
- Who did the Water Witch take with her?
- How did Hunferth aid Beowulf?
- What did Beowulf ask the King to do if he lost his wife?

Chapter VI

- Was Beowulf hurt in this battle?
- What did Beowulf take of Grendel this time?

Chapter VII

- What happened after Hygelac died?

Chapter IX

- Retell with your own words what happens in this chapter

Chapter X

- What was the funeral rite like?