



### Beowulf Writing Prompts

1. Explain how the use of allusions (to the Bible and other works) helps illuminate the theme of *Beowulf*
2. Analyze the differences in the three fights and explain how they trace the development of Beowulf as a hero
3. Was Beowulf's confidence/cockiness an asset or a tragic flaw?
4. Compare the idea of an honorable hero in Beowulf's time to modern representations
5. How do elements of language influence elements of literature? How does the language in *Beowulf* influence the reader's understanding?
6. Compare Beowulf to modern heroes; how they're different, better/worse, characteristics (societies/differences in culture and how they affected individual perspectives and decisions)
7. How does *Beowulf* represent everything the Anglo-Saxons stood for (morals, values etc.)?
8. Compare myth & reality: which elements of *Beowulf* appear to reflect the reality of the time, and which elements serve storytelling purposes?
9. How did the evolution of the English language favor some ideas and omit others?