

BEOWULF ESSAY 10 H+CP

GRADE VALUE

Test Grade

TASK

Write a literary analysis essay in which you explore a theme/topic in *Beowulf*.

- Confluence of Christianity and Paganism
- The Sanctity of the Mead-Hall
- Swords and Weaponry
- Bravery vs Cowardice
- Role of Women
- Comitatus and Interlacing
- Decline of Comitatus
- Depiction of Villains
- The Anglo-Saxon Hero
- Customized Topic (must be approved by Mrs. Lee)

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

- Include at least 2 quotes from *Beowulf*
 - No other sources are required, but if you use them, cite them properly
 - No quote dumping. Quotes should be introduced and explain in a way that flows. Do not begin or end a paragraph with a quote.
- Formal academic tone (use third person, avoid contractions, slang, and informal diction)
- ***Include word count at the end of the essay (does NOT include heading).***
 - 10 Honors: 700 word minimum
 - 10 CP: 500 word minimum

FORMAT

- MLA (typed, Times New Roman 12pt font, heading, margins, citations, etc.)

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- Turn in a hard copy to Mrs. Lee at the beginning of class on the due date.
- Submit your paper online to turnitin.com by 8:00am on the due date. (See syllabus for login info.)

DUE DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

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POSSIBLE POINTS	CRITERIA	POINTS AWARDED
30	FORMATTING & LENGTH <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MLA▪ Include word count▪ Turnitin.com	
40	CONTENT & STRUCTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Thoroughly analyzed prompt▪ Used examples to support analysis▪ Clear thesis▪ Strong reading comprehension▪ Avoids summary▪ Thoughtful and clear topic sentences▪ Smooth transitions	
20	GRAMMAR & MECHANICS <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No major or distracting grammatical errors▪ Correct spelling and punctuation▪ Quotes are integrated correctly	
10	STYLE <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Writing is clear, but not simplistic▪ Effective use of syntax, diction, and sentence structure▪ Third person voice▪ Avoids repetition and redundancies	
TOTAL GRADE		