

# 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: 450 word minimum
  - 10 CP: 350 word minimum

## FORMAT

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

## TURNITIN.COM

- Upload finished essay to Google Classroom.

**DUE DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

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