

Anglo-Saxon Boast Assignment

The Anglo-Saxon hero was celebrated in poetry and song, and he was expected to tell of his exploits and adventures in order to prove his merit and worth. These tales were his boasts (boast: to brag). In *Beowulf*, the hero boasts of his prowess in the poem in order to substantiate his ability to kill Grendel and Grendel's mother. Using *Beowulf*'s boasts as models, write your own "Anglo-Saxon" boast, which meets the following criteria:

- It must be at least 20 lines long, written in poetic form.
- It must explain three of your past accomplishments and boast of one future accomplishment.
 - *Italicize the accomplishments in the boast.*
 - *You should also use hyperbole (exaggeration) to speak about your accomplishments.*
- It needs to contain three kennings (multi-word metaphors, which rename people, places, or things)
 - Underline the kennings in the boast.
- It needs to have three examples of alliteration.
 - **Bold examples of alliteration in the boast.**
- It must be on a piece of paper or construction/poster paper no larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches, and it must be appropriately decorated in keeping with the accomplishments mentioned in the boast.
 - Be Creative! Type the boast in a legible font!
- On the back of the boast, write a developed paragraph that explains the importance of boasting in the epic poem *Beowulf*. Use at least two blended quotations from the poem in your analysis. Be sure to type your paragraph and follow proper paragraph formatting!

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Integration of Accomplishments	____/ 20
Use of hyperbole	____/ 10
Use of kennings	____/ 10
Use of alliteration	____/ 10
Aesthetics/ Presentation	____/ 10
Following Directions	____/ 10
Paragraph Explanation	____/ 30
TOTAL:	____/ 100