

English Literature & Composition Literacy Task
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READ *Beowulf*.

RESPOND to the following question using complete sentences and using textual evidence from the essay to support your answers. Answers must be formatted in MLA format using the updated MLA 2016 format. See owl.english.purdue.edu.

1. According to the author of *Beowulf*, what are the admirable qualities a hero should possess? Include five (5) qualities that are revered in *Beowulf*. Consider a hero's personality traits, motivations, and relationship(s) with other characters.
2. What is the theme or central idea of *Beowulf*. What lesson does the author seek to teach his audience through his work? How are the themes revealed?
 - a. Remember that a theme is NOT one word. It is a statement about life and/or human nature.

WRITE a well-developed analysis (1-2 pages).

CITE evidence from the text to support your answer. Include at least three (3) direct quotations from throughout the epic poem in your analysis. You **MUST** use the most current MLA format and include a Works Cited page.

USE at least three (3) AP Vocabulary words in your essay. Underline these terms.