

Beowulf Anticipation Guide: Heroism

Directions: Answer the following questions thoughtfully and in complete sentences. A study of *Beowulf* will deal with the concept of the hero and the age-old concept of good vs. evil.

1. What is your concept of heroism? What is your concept of a hero? Give a *general* definition along with examples in your own words.
2. What qualities in a hero do Americans value? Why? List at least three.

3. Give some examples of people that Americans might consider heroic and explain why. List at least three.
4. Do you think that different cultures have different ideas about who is considered a hero? Why or why not? (In other words, discuss the similarities and differences between American heroes and another culture's heroes.)
5. List a film that shows a heroic figure: _____

Answer the following questions concerning the hero of the film.

How does the hero establish his/her reputation?

Discuss the hero's journey.

What challenge/s does the hero face?

How does the hero overcome the challenge/s?

How does the hero benefit his/her people?