

Beowulf Project – Choose ONE

1. You may draw a cartoon strip depicting the battle between Beowulf and Grendel, Beowulf and Grendel's mother, or Beowulf and the dragon. The cartoon must include a minimum of 10 frames of detailed action. You must create dialogue to accompany your pictures.
2. In a small group (2-3) perform a skit of the battle between Beowulf and Grendel, Beowulf and Grendel's mother, or Beowulf and the dragon. You must use costumes, props, and create dialogue to accompany your actions. A synopsis of your skit (half page to one page) must be included. Please video tape and email or upload finished product.
3. Create an original epic poem depicting some additional adventures of Beowulf. A minimum of 20 lines of poetry is required. You must adhere to the Anglo-Saxon style of poetry – rhythm, alliteration, kennings, caesura and no end rhyme. Perhaps include a mixture of pagan and Christian references – the theme and setting may be ancient or modern.
4. Produce a special edition newspaper about *Beowulf*. Outline the major events. Write articles and include appropriate pictures (hand or computer-drawn, cut from magazines or newspapers, or found on the Internet). Headlines/sections may include news stories on Beowulf's battles, an editorial on respect for elders, a feature story on young Wiglaf, and a Beowulf themed puzzle. In addition to major articles, include typical newspaper features like editorials, obituaries, advertisements, and comics.
5. Create a comic book version of one of the major events in *Beowulf*.
6. Retell an episode of *Beowulf* for your classmates. Become a scop. Be faithful to the plot of the story. Plan an introduction to your story. Use gestures, sound effects, and pauses.
7. Retell an episode of *Beowulf* from the perspective of one of the other characters: Grendel's mother, Hrothgar, the dragon, etc. Must be at least 3 typed pages.
8. Create a board game based on the characters and events in *Beowulf*. A player should be able to learn what happens in *Beowulf*

by playing the game. Include clearly written instructions, some type of board, and playing pieces.

9. Create an adventure computer game based on *Beowulf*. Include instructions for installing and playing the game as well as a description of the goal – for example, defeating Grendel, Grendel's mother, or the dragon.
10. Create a web site for *Beowulf*. Include such things as images of the characters as you envision them, a summary page, a commentary page, and a *Beowulf* links page.
11. Create an artistic impression of a character, scene, or symbol in *Beowulf*. Artistic expressions may include paintings, drawings, papier-mâché, and costume sketches.
12. Write an essay in which you analyze *Beowulf* as an epic hero. MLA format. Three-page minimum.

If you have an original idea, please discuss it with me.