

Anglo-Saxon Study Guide

40 Questions @ 1.5 pts each

Fill in the blank word bank

Some of the following can be used in the blanks, some will not be used, others may be used more than once, and some answers are not listed here.

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| "The Wanderer" | Cain | Lyric | Thor |
| "The Wife's Lament" | Chain mail | Mead | Venerable Bebe |
| "The Seafarer" | Christian | Monks | Welthow |
| A cup | Chrulls | Old English | Weregild |
| Aeshure | Coifi | Pagan | Wiglac - Wriglaf |
| Aim | Dragon | Paulinus | Witenagemont |
| Allegory | Elegiac lyric | Point of view | Wyrd |
| Alliteration | En medias res | Pope | |
| Angle-isc | Epic | Riddle | |
| Anonymous | Exeter Book | Romans | |
| Aphorism | God | Scandinavia | |
| Apposition | Grendel's mother | Scops | |
| Battle of Hastings | Helmet | Secular | |
| Beowulf | Herot | Shield | |
| Bocdica | Hild | Sparrow | |
| Bretwalda | Hrothgar | Sword | |
| Caedmon | Kenning | Thanes | |
| Caesura | Lair | | |

- Kenning word bank
- Some of the following may be used in the blanks, some will not be used, others may be used more than once, and some answers are not listed here.
- Ocean
 - Life
 - Herot
 - Grendel's mom
 - Grendel
 - God
 - Geats
 - Danes
 - Cuckoo
 - Beowulf

10 Questions @ 2 pts each

years
numbers

Short answers. Three of the following questions will appear on your test. You will choose two to answer. Be warned! You don't know which three choices will be yours. Be prepared to answer all of the questions.

Answer two of the following questions fully in several sentences. One sentence will not be enough. 2 Questions @ 10 points each

- How is the theme of exile an element of "The Seafarer," "The Wife's Lament," or "The Wanderer"?
- Beowulf said "Fate will unwind as it must." How do these words reflect the Anglo-Saxon attitude toward fate?
- Explain briefly how the mead hall was considered a home for Anglo-Saxon warriors. In your answer examine the role the mead hall plays in *Beowulf* or "The Wanderer."
- Explain why although the ancient Angles and Saxons were pagans, influences of Christianity may be found in *Beowulf*. Give specific examples.
- Explain why Anglo-Saxons such as Beowulf were anxious to gain fame and to be remembered for their exploits.
- What were Coifi's reasons for advising his king to convert. Your answer must include the allegory.
- Contrast Herot with Grendel's lair. Include the symbolism of both dwellings.
- Prove using specific examples that *Beowulf* is an epic hero. Include the definition of epic, the traits of epics, and examples of each trait.