

Beowulf Research Topic Assignments

Block: B2

A. Celtic Heroes and Heroines <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who were the Celts?2. What role did mythology and religion play in their culture?3. What defines and “Celtic legend”? What Celtic legends have survived?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Landon● Alex Moron
B. The Roman influence on Celtic Culture <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What changes did the Romans bring to Celtic culture, both positive and negative?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meghan Schauer● Camille Duchamp
C. The Origin of Anglo-Saxons Culture <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How did the term “Anglo-Saxon” come about?2. What were the key features of this age of warriors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Caitlyn Ark● Mason Harris
D. Women in Anglo-Saxon Culture <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What place did women have in Anglo-Saxon culture?2. What roles did women assume?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mariya Ghorl
E. Anglo-Saxon Daily Life <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Describe a day-in-the-life for a typical Anglo-Saxon citizen.2. What activities occupied their time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brandon Sabinsky● Shaneel Kalan
F. Anglo-Saxon Religion <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who were the Anglo-Saxon deities?2. What role did they play in Anglo-Saxon religion?3. Have any legends survived that talk about these Anglo-Saxon gods?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brian Walker● James Esther
G. Anglo-Saxon Literary Techniques and Traditions <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is a kenning and how were kennings used in Anglo-Saxon literature?2. What is the importance of alliteration in Anglo-Saxon literature?3. What position did scopas hold in Anglo-Saxon culture?4. How was the caesura used in Anglo-Saxon literature?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Alex Shehab● L.J. O’Rourke

H. Anglo-Saxon Riddles <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the purpose of riddles in Anglo-Saxon culture? 2. What is the Exeter book? 3. Have any examples survived? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Samuel Hacke ● Nick Thomsen
I. The Bards: Singing of Gods and Heroes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is a bard? 2. What influence did bards have on the evolution of literature? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nick Marna ● Joe Sartorio
J. Christian Influence on Anglo-Saxon Literary History <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did the introduction of Christianity influence Anglo-Saxon recorded history? 2. Can this influence be seen in surviving literary works today? How? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chloe Snyder ● Meghna Datar
K. Vikings <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who were the Vikings? 2. What did it mean to be a Viking? 3. Why are they known as some of the first explorers? 4. What made Viking ships unique? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greg Shiffner ● Kyle McLester
L. Beowulf—An Introduction <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is known about the original story of Beowulf? 2. How does this story in particular represent the Anglo-Saxon heroic ideal? 3. What qualities did the Anglo-Saxons value in their heroes? How are these qualities seen in the story of Beowulf? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mallory Reese
M. The Epic Hero <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is an epic? 2. What makes a hero epic? 3. What are some literary examples depicting epic heroes? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jillian Jablecki ● Guneet Kaur
N. Dragon Symbolism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why are dragons so prevalent in literature, especially epic tales such as Beowulf? 2. What countries/regions in the world have dragons in their mythology/literature and culture? 3. What are some literary examples featuring dragons? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jessica Smith ● Alec Grant