

Beowulf Notes

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Plot

Introduction & Omissions

Introduce the concept as Beowulf as an epic, and explain why I missed out lots of stuff that is interesting but not central to the plot.

Act 1: Grendel

Beowulf travels to Heorot and fights Grendel.

Act 2: Grendel's Mother

Beowulf kills Grendel's Mother.

Act 3: The Dragon

Beowulf kills the dragon, but in the process is himself killed.

Translation and Pronunciation

Words & Terms

The World of Beowulf

Notes on Anglo-Saxon social status (e.g thegns and earldormen), the relationship between lords and their followers, what a mead hall was etcetera.