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English Discussion

**Topic 1**

Heroism is the act of showing courage by putting other people first, and I can say it leadership. The pagan warrior in Beowulf was a hero as he was traveling to Denmark to save the Danes from being eaten by the man-eating monster the named Grendel. The monster was said to have descended from Cain in the bible. Grendel was terrorizing the Herrot hall and Danes for twelve years and ended up battling with Beowulf. Beowulf was celebrated on arrival to Denmark with his men, although the celebration angered Grendel, who attacked the men belonging to Beowulf, later leading to his death by Beowulf. He is a hero as he saved the Danes from the man-eater. In Aladdin and the wonderful lamb story, Alladin faced many challenges in his early ages. He was recruited by a sorcerer and showed his heroism by killing the sorcerer who was to cause harm to the community.

From the two stories, both Beowulf and Aladdin are heroes as they showed courage by beating the enemies that would have harmed the people in the community. They have similar heroic qualities of putting people first to show them love, through their courageous deeds. They also had wisdom qualities as they always made good decisions as they would fight the community enemies.

**Topic 2**

Polyculturalism is a belief of cultures influences on one another for over a period and is manifested through the norms of culture borrowing and contact. Cultures have been fusing over time through ideas and practices exchange resulting to people being a tangled skein of the influence by culture. Both Beowulf and the thousand and one nights are examples of polyculturalism because they are among the different western Asia regions/ the Middle East variants. Beowulf came from a tradition that was rich orally. The storytellers were telling magnificent stories at the religious feats, and the story of Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp is still narrated today.

Beowulf was a hero and through his leadership, he had engaged himself with various battles in his land which means he had been connected to the cultures and that why he was protective for his people and would win all the battles he was involved. His traits possession defined him a true hero. There were many communities in the land and Beowulf community was in threat of the Grendel. Grendel had fought many battles but had never been defeated and so was Beowulf. Beowulf wanted to protect his community being the reason why he killed Grendel.

Aladdin and the wonderful lamb show polyculturalism as he was recruited by a sorcerer from the Maghreb land, different from the land Aladdin was born. He connected with the Maghreb community as he was loved in many traps. Aladdin was a hero as he killed both the man sent to kill him and the sorcerer too. In his land there would be no more harm as the sorcerer was dead.

In both stories, they can be used in the modern context as there are different cultures in the world and we are all connected in one way or another.