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Response Essay

Heroism in the context of the articles on Beowulf and Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp is defined as the possession of powerful traits, which are used by an individual to achieve a noble objective. Heroism cannot be found in many people in the society as it is only showing that the people who possess such heroic traits are envisaged to have leadership style that are unmatched in the society. Most of the heroes must achieve a particular type of success at the end of their mission or an undertaking.

From the texts, Beowulf was involved in many battles in his land because he won most of the battles he was involved. He had possession of traits, which defined a true hero who was outstanding to deal with all the wars in his land. During the war, he was involved in a battle with one of his many enemies who as known as Grendel who had an objective of killing people from his community. Fighting against Grendel needed one to be a hero because he had never faced defeat in all the battles. During the fight, which was between him and Grendel, he defeated Grendel and as such was considered a hero in his land.

In the text of Aladdin and he wonderful lamp, he was born a person who faced many challenges in life when young. After being recruited by a sorcerer in the land of Maghreb, Aladdin was in loved in many traps, which were set by the sorcerer. The sorcerer had a mission of using Aladdin to retrieve a lam, which was stack in a cave. Besides, the retrieval of the lamp outs Aladdin in more danger than good as the sorcerer and his brother want to kill him. Aladdin becomes the hero when he kills the person who was sent to kills him to take the lamp, which had fortunes. As such, he became the hero because he ensured that he killed the sorcerer who would have harmed the community.

From both texts, Aladdin and Beowulf would not have achieved their objectives if they did not have heroic qualities. As such, their heroic qualities were similar in most parts. They both possessed the heroic trait of being courageous. Beowulf had the courage to face Grendel who was feared in his land and was harming his people. Besides, Aladdin had the courage to face the sorcerer who was feared in the land of Maghreb. Both Aladdin and Beowulf had the heroic traits of wisdom. They ensured that they made a good choice of how they would fight and kills their enemies while in the battles. Besides, they both had heroic traits of being loyal to their communities. Loyalty ensured that Beowulf did not betray his community. They both had the trait of determination, which was to ensure they killed their enemies and hence helped their communities. Moreover, both Aladdin and Beowulf had the trait of being keen on self-less acts, which were all used towards achieving their objectives.

The traits, which were possessed, by both Aladdin and Beowulf were dependent on the magic they had as individuals. On the part of Aladdin, the genie in the lamp helped him in terms of giving him wisdom on how to kill the sorcerer. On the part of Beowulf, his heroism was dependent on the magic, which he would gain the power to kill Grendel. Also, the magic they both possessed helped them achieve the success thy had in their lands.

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