

Welcome to 10th Grade Humanities!

This coming school year the 10th-Grade humanities will be focusing on the Medieval & Renaissance time period. As preparation, you will need to complete the following reading and writing assignment.

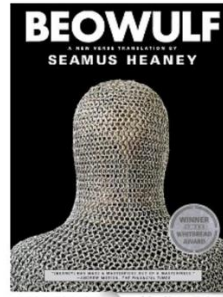
DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 24th

Read

Beowulf Translated by Seamus Heaney

You can find the book on: ISBN 9780393320978

- Amazon
- Kindle
- Barnes and Noble
- Your local library



Write

Complete an essay using 1 of the following prompts.

1. How does Beowulf's courage and confidence change as he matures? Is this transformation significant?

Or

2. Ubi sunt qui ante nos fuerunt—"where are those who were before us"--Analyze two digressions (moments the author shifts from the main storyline). How are they significant to the themes presented in the tale of *Beowulf*?

Expectations/Rubric

- Typed, 12 point font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, double spaced
- 2-3 pages
- Use details from the book to support your answer
- Any quote, paraphrase or summary from *Beowulf* must include the page number. Any additional sources must be cited using the Chicago NB format
- The essay demonstrates unity and coherence
- Essay shows thought and careful consideration of the prompt

NOTE!

There are various translations, so make sure you read Seamus Heaney's translation. In addition, the first two weeks of school will consist of review and a comprehension test, so, it is highly recommended that you take notes on the characters and plot progression.