

# Beowulf Anticipation Guide

Please have valid reasons of whether you agree or disagree with each statement.

Statement	Agree or Disagree	Valid Reasoning
1. Everyone respects and follows a hero.		
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3. Bravery and courage are traits all heroes possess.		
4. A hero must have extraordinary intelligence or power.		
5. Heroes are usually "home grown" and are not strangers to a culture or land.		
6. A hero should be willing to give his life for his people.		
7. Heroes are expected to face any challenge, regardless of the odds.		
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9. When a hero dies, he is quickly forgotten.		

\*\*\*List possible candidates for modern day heroes.\*\*\*

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## Strategies for reading an EPIC

- ✓ Notice which characteristics of epics appear in the poem you are reading.
- ✓ Decide which virtues the hero embodies
- ✓ Decide if the epic's values are still held today.
- ✓ Determine the hero's role in bringing about any changes in fortune for the character.
- ✓ Use a list or diagram to keep track of the characters.
- ✓ If a passage confuses you, go back and summarize the main idea of the passage.
- ✓ Monitor your reading strategies and modify them when understanding breaks down. Remember to use your strategies for ACTIVE READING: Predict, connect, question, clarify, and evaluate.