

ELIT-270 Medieval English Literature, Reflection Paper
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Reflection Paper Assignment: Creative Writing

**Q2. Choose one of the following characters from *Beowulf* and write a fictitious letter from his/her mouth to your present self which depicts the traits of the character and/or the characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon period:
*Beowulf / King Hrothgar / Grendel / Grendel's Mother / Unferth***

A Letter to an Unknown Friend by Beowulf

Greetings from Geatland,

I am Beowulf, king of Geats, thane of Hygelac, and the defeater of Grendel's lineage. Now that I made myself known to thee, and I hope thou would too in a more clear sense, in thy following letters, since I am still not quite sure whom thou art and how didst thou contact to me in the first place, I desire to start answering thy questions, as thou list.

Well, first thing first, I am quite did sadden that thee dont knoweth me 'r mine own culture, and I assume this, since thee hath asked me to inf'rm thee on those subjects. But I forgive thee, not all has't the chance to meet 'r heareth mine own greatness. I knoweth that to thee I wilt sound arrogant and proud, but all h'roes art a did bit like that dont you think?

Putting mine own lacking traits aside, I bethink I am quite loyal. Loyal to mine folk, mine own family and the God. I fight for mine people and dot things many wouldnt dare to try, I do not crave to sound too braggy yet I believe in a gretaer good and I am quite faithful, so the things that I do is to bring peace to these folks, for that people speak to me hardy and a hero, and I am gretaful to God for making me a king for these folks. Thou might hast realised that I talk a lot about God. Mine faith and God hath a huge part i' mine life and for mine people too. So know that we are mentioning this, It shall be better to talk about mine culture and answer thy second question what be, how we live and what we do. Our ancestors are Scandinavians, who fighters, and we own a great deal to 'em i' terms of our culture. We value our traditions

and beliefs most much and other thing we value is heroes or in other words the “Heroic Code”. Hence many heroes, myself included take pride in our acts and for us dying while fighting is the greatest honour of all. When it comes to our religion, e'en though we adhere to pagan beliefs, we are influenced by Christianity as well.

I desire to write many moe things thee mine friend yet I might not but end this letter now, since I hast an important business to attend to. I hope thou shall return mine letter and someday I shall hast the honour to invite thou to mine mead-hall and then thou enjoy our feasts.

Your friend and your king,

Beowulf