

*Central Quote:*

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## PRE-GRAMMAR | Preparation

*Prepare to think about the poem and its Central One Idea  
by drawing upon my prior knowledge, experience, or interests.*

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1. Briefly (2-3 sentences) tell about a favorite story that you have read or heard that has a monster or villain in it.

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2. Briefly tell about your favorite epic hero. He or she may or may not be a part of the story you described above.

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# GRAMMAR | Presentation

*Discover essential facts, elements, and features of the poem through the reading notes, defining words, and comprehension questions.*

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## READING NOTES

1. **Hrothgar** - king of the Danes; builder of Heorot
2. **Heorot** - the palace of King Hrothgar and the mead hall for the warrior Danes
3. **Beowulf** - warrior and king of the Geats; the hero of the poem
4. **Geats** - Scandinavian people of southern Sweden; Beowulf and his men are Geats
5. **Unferth** - one of Hrothgar's warriors, who is jealous of Beowulf and challenges his bravery
6. **Wealhtheow** - Hrothgar's wife and queen
7. **fen** - (p. 2) a low and marshy area of land
8. **moor** - (p. 2) a tract of open, uncultivated land
9. **minstrel** - (p. 2) a medieval singer or musician who sang or recited poetry and whose lyrics told of distant places or existing or imaginary historical events
10. **keel** - (p. 2) the center structure of a ship running lengthwise from bow to stern, to which the frames are attached
11. **mailcoat** - (p. 6) armor made from metal rings, worn like a shirt
12. **sword-hilt** - (p. 10) the handle of a sword
13. **lair** - (p. 12) the den or dwelling of a wild animal

## WORDS TO BE DEFINED

### Definitions Bank

a dazed or distressed state	preoccupied with depressing thoughts
a state of complete emptiness	repayment; compensation
apart; divided	rolled the body clumsily
awakened; stirred up	stringy, tough
confusion, disorder	the sound made by a clarion (a medieval trumpet)
enchanted; entranced	to be of use; to help
extremely hungry; voracious	uninvited
not quenched; not satisfied	

1. **Unbidden**, unheralded, so boldly trespass here? (p. 5)

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2. In mournful state upon his throne sat **brooding** (p. 8)

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3. Because we grieve deep for your **desolation** (p. 8)

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4. Seven nights you **wallowed** in the wintry sea (p. 9)

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5. Had wound his **sinewy** coils about my waist (p. 9)

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6. That sword you spoke of – it will **avail** (p. 10)

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7. Was proudly hailed by royal **clarion** of trumpets. (p. 10)

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8. For **tumult** of Grendel and his havoc, like runaway hooves (p. 12)

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9. Grendel with fierce **ravenous** stride came stepping. (p. 12)

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