

Here, let me tell you of the time Hrothgar, king of Denmark, built a hall in his castle. When it was complete, he named it Heorot. Heorot was a hall where the people in the palace ate supper and then slept when it was time for bed. Nearby there lived a beast who lurked in the dark. He was called Grendel, and was grand and gruesome. Grendel abhorred Heorot (no one knows why); one night he went to the hall, broke through a wall, and found many men to feast on. Grendel growled ferocious and loud, and his red eyes glared in the dark. The noise awoke all who slept in the hall and the knights were poised for battle. But the beast Grendel showed his horrible teeth and grabbed the first knight he found and gnashed him with one big bite. The monster roared and everyone ran, leaving Grendel loudly laughing as he went back to his lair where he soundly slept. The monster managed to raid Heorot for eleven years. Finally it became clear King Hrothgar needed help killing the beast in battle, because his warriors were dying one by one in this gruesome Grendel War. The Danes prayed to the gods to keep the monster from preying on them.

Their prayers were answered when a ship sailed to their shores. Beowulf was aboard the boat...

LO: To plan a short story of Beowulf.

<p><u>Opening</u></p>	<p>The opening to your story has been stuck in for you. You will be writing from the point that Beowulf arrives.</p>
<p><u>Paragraph 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Character description of Beowulf. Describe his looks, personality, and give him a bit of a back story. - Description of the Heorot hall? - The King gives him his orders. 	

Paragraph 2

- The action!
- Describe the fight that takes place between Beowulf and Grendel.
- Remember to describe Grendel in further detail at this point!
- Have the story full of action and keep the reader guessing who will win.

Close

- Don't rush your story to finish!
- How does Beowulf manage to finally kill Grendel?
- How is his victory celebrated?