

Beowulf: Fun with Language

Alliteration: 2 or more words in a sentence or phrase beginning with the same letter i.e. Player of Pipes; Makers of Music; Performers of Plays

Homophones: Words that sound the same, are spelled differently and mean different things

◆Tail



Tale: A Story

◆Knight Night ◆Sea See ◆Sun Son ◆Male Mail (Armor)

◆Feat: Impressive act



Feet

Kennings: Noun is replaced by descriptive nouns or adjectives

Hero = Protector of Peace



King= Ring Bearer

Battle= Storm of Swords

Horizon=Line that separates sea and sky

Sea: Whale Road

Knights: Mail Clad Men

Monster: Care taker of crime

Beowulf: Audience Participation

Artists will rehearse and cue during program!

All students yell upon hearing:

Artists: Beowulf	Students: YEA!
Grendel	OH NO!
Blood & Gore	YUCK!
King Hrothgar	Stand and Bow
Beowulf Prevailed	YEA! Clap

All students recite during feast music:

Full of food, music and dancing,
beautiful ladies and handsome knights

7 Students needed on stage:

(5 Vivacious Villages, Quiet Queen and Knightly King)

1 Teacher in Audience:

Artist cue: Where was I?

Teacher response from audience: The king's pernicious problem!

King: During Beowulf and Grendel fight *please prepare student in advance The artists will cue.

The hallowed hall Heorot shook with the battle struggle between good and evil. The roof boards swayed, the benches rattled as the mighty protector of peace meant to hold the monster till its life leaped out. The care-taker of crime would soon come to his bloody end.

King: upon Cue from artists **The End** (This is the cue for the Queen to say the following)

Queen: "My dear, why don't you hold a feast?"

Beowulf: Minstrel reference to Shakespeare's *Othello*

Who steals my purse, steals trash; 'tis something,
nothing;

'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to
thousands:

But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him
And makes me poor indeed.

Some More Famous Words and Lines of Shakespeare

William Shakespeare - All the world's a stage from *As You Like It*

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts..

Shakespeare in common speech today:

"Go on a wild goose chase"	Romeo and Juliet
"All that glitters is not gold"	Merchant of Venice
"He kicked the bucket."	Henry V
"...a pound of flesh"	Merchant of Venice
"He's a good egg."	Macbeth
"He wears his heart on his sleeve."	Othello
"...willy nilly"	Taming of the Shrew
"I'm dreaming. Or is this real"	Falstaff

Shakespeare wrote poetry as a musician writes music. His ear was attuned to the sounds as importantly as their meaning. His poetry has rhythm, melody and sounds musical.

In his plays, Shakespeare understood, just like Steven Spielberg, that the power of visualization and imagination are stronger than anything shown in detail! He wrote for people who just wanted action and horror as well as those who could appreciate gems of wisdom, beauty and lasting truths.