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Period: _____

Essay Due Date: ___9/17/19__

***Beowulf* Essay:**
Beowulf, the Epic Hero vs. the Modern Hero

Objectives:

- Write a 4-6 paragraph essay
- Organize your essay logically
- Follow the steps in the writing process by using graphic organizers
- Format the essay to follow MLA rules
 - (<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>)
 - If you type, +5
- Use time wisely in class and turn in your essay on time
- Turn in this packet with the final draft



Writing Prompt:

Write an essay comparing and contrasting Beowulf, the epic hero, to a modern day hero. Choose three epic hero characteristics and compare and contrast to the characteristics that are associated with a modern day hero. Give specific examples from the three battle scenes: the battle with Grendel, the battle with Grendel's mother, and the battle with the dragon.

***Beowulf* Essay Rubric:**

_____ 100 Total

_____ 50 (Content/development)

_____ 10 (MLA Format)

_____ 25 (Citations)

_____ 15 (Writing/editing errors)

THINGS TO TURN IN WITH YOUR ESSAY:

You need to use the packet I gave in class (75 points)

Drafting the Introduction (25 points)

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Hook: This is a catchy sentence such as a quotations, anecdote, insightful statement, definition, fact or figure or reference to a famous person. Its purpose is to entice the reader to continue reading.

Background Information: What does the reader need to know so he or she can understand the thesis statement and the content of the essay? 3-4 sentences are suggested.

Thesis Sentence: This is the main idea of the essay and is usually one sentence. It is a restatement of the subject of the writing prompt explaining your reasons or details in the order you will write about them in your essay.

Examples:

Through Beowulf's quests to protect King Hrothgar and his people, Beowulf exemplifies the traits of the archetypal epic hero.

While the epic hero Beowulf exhibits superhuman characteristics, he also shares human qualities with modern day heroes, such as teachers.

