ENGLISH 12-1 / UNIT 1 / BEOWULF NAME

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Beowulf is an epic poem written by an unknown

Anglo-Saxon poet .

It is the oldest piece of literature written in English .

The Anglo-Saxons were …

Warriors, farmers, and family-oriented people who lived in the area we now call England during the years 450 – 1066 A.D. (approximately).

They lived in kinships with a strong chief and had a system of local government to keep order.

The Anglo-Saxons were highly skilled metal workers. Some of the armor, chainmail, weapons, and food serving pieces survive today.

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Choose a modern hero or superhero. Analyze him or her considering the following questions:

* What sort of evil or oppression does he or she confront?
* Why does he or she do it? What’s his or her motivation?
* For whom does he or she do it?
* What virtues does he or she represent?