**English 12** Test Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Anglo-Saxon/*Beowulf* Test**

**Study Guide**

# **Anglo-Saxon Notes**

The three Germanic tribes that invaded Britain in 449 AD were the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see notes on European map).

Three aspects that made Old English different from English today:

1.

2.

3.

How was Anglo-Saxon literature passed on?

The **event** that brought about the spread of literacy in Britain was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Three **themes** of epic poems:

1.

2.

3.

What was “**WYRD**”?

What is an epithet?

Know the three major points in the plot of an epic or narrative poem (use PP):

1.

2.

3.

Be able to name three (3) memory aides for oral recitation (use today’s PP):

1.

2.

3.

## Review *Beowulf* plot – be familiar with “Grendel”, “Beowulf”, “The Battle with Grendel”, “Beowulf’s Last Battle”, “The Death of Beowulf”, and key elements from the plot.

**Open Book Section**

**Epic Poem characteristics** – You WILL be expected to fill in a chart with at least one detail for each characteristic from *Beowulf*.

**Repetition/Parallelism** – Be able to give an example of repetition or parallelism from *Beowulf*.

**Alliteration** – Be able to give an example of alliteration from *Beowulf*.

**Epithet** – Be able to give an example of an epithet from *Beowulf*.

**Imagery -** Be able to give an example of imagery present in *Beowulf*.

**Essay -** You are expected to use your book to cite specific evidence (character

 names, events, conflicts) from the poems.

* Your essay should be at a minimum three paragraphs.
* You are expected to proofread for spelling and grammatical errors.