

English 292
Beowulf
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Spring 2013
Health Building 405
Friday 900-1145

Office Hours: Tuesday 1500-1700, Friday 800-900 and by appointment

Recommended Text:

Fulk, Niles, et.al., edd, *Klaeber's Beowulf*, 4th edition

OR.

Klaeber, *Beowulf*, 3rd edition is also fine, as is online edition by Benjamin Slade.

Schedule of Classes:

Our goal this semester is to translate all 3,182 lines of Beowulf. To that end, we will keep the following schedule:

Jan 25	1-52	Scyld Scefing
Feb 1	53-285	Voyage to Denmark, Grendel
Feb 8	286-558	Coastguard, Hroþgar's court, (H)unferþ , Breca
Feb 15	559-836	Grendel's attack
Feb 22	837-1049	Lay of Sigmund, rejoicing in the court
Mar 1	1050-1320	Lay of Finnsburh, Wealhþeow, Grendel's mother
Mar 8	1321-1556	Æschere's death announced, voyage to the mere
Mar 15	1557-1816	Beowulf fights Grendel's mother, Heremod
Mar 22	1817-2069a	Beowulf departs, Hygd/Modþryþ, Hygelac, Heaðobards
Mar 29	Spring Break	
Apr 5	2069b-2311	Beowulf tells his story, becomes king. Dragon attack
Apr 12	2312-2602	Swedish wars. Beowulf attacks the dragon.
Apr 19	2603-2820	Wiglaf's bravery, Death of the dragon.
Apr 26	2821-2945	Death of Beowulf. Wiglaf berates the retainers.
May 3	2946-3136	Swedish wars. Wiglaf eulogizes Beowulf.
May 10	3137-3182	Beowulf's funeral

There will be two unannounced translation quizzes, one before Spring Break and one after.

Because the semester involves so much translation, final papers are shorter than otherwise would be expected in a graduate seminar. 4,000 word papers will be due Tuesday, May 21 at noon.