

Beowulf themes essay



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There were many themes that were used in Beowulf, but I'll be touching on the themes of good vs..

Evil, bravery, and mothers instinct. Good vs.. Evil, that's pretty much what the whole story of Beowulf is all about from the beginning to the end.

You've got where Beowulf is fighting against Grendel, Grendel's mother, and the dragon throughout the story, where of course Beowulf is the good, or can be referred to as the 'hero', and Grendel, Grendel's mother and the dragon is the evil, or can also be referred to as the villains. Beowulf is kind of the light figure that takes out the darkness.

Bravery is a big theme because of Beowulf throughout the whole story. As for example, Beowulf battles with Grendel. Grendel has been terrorizing Heorot's mead hall for a while and all of Heorot's warriors and any other heroes haven't been able to harm Grendel. Beowulf chose to fight Grendel on his own with no weapons or armor and ripped his arm off and sent him to his mother to die. Then again when Beowulf battles Grendel's mother, Beowulf chose to fight alone because he knew that his warriors could not stand against her without being harmed, and once again Beowulf kills the monster.

In Beowulf's final battle against the dragon, Beowulf attempts to fight alone because the dragon might cause more deaths of his men.

During the battle, Beowulf's strength and sword fail him and Wiglaf, the rightful heir to Beowulf's legacy, comes and fights with Beowulf. Beowulf had to put his ego aside because he was close to death and he had to do the best

for his people. Mother's instinct, this theme comes into this story when Grenade's arm got tore off by Beowulf and sent back to his mother to die.