English 12: British Literature and Composition
***Beowulf* résumé and persuasive letter project**

As an epic hero, Beowulf travels across the seas to save a foreign nation in trouble. Your task is to resurrect Beowulf as a hero for today's world. You will first need to choose a country with a specific problem that Beowulf can solve. Use an international news source (links below) to help you make your choice.

You will create two technical documents for this project, a functional résumé and a persuasive letter, and in both documents, you will be **writing from Beowulf's point of view**. In the functional résumé, Beowulf will specify the heroic job he wants to fulfill and outline the skills he has that qualify him for the job. In the persuasive letter, Beowulf will write a letter of three or four paragraphs to the people he hopes to assist: in the first paragraph, he will introduce himself and offer his services; in the second, he will describe their problem; and in the third, he will explain how he will help them. The information you include in the resume and letter must come from the text of *Beowulf*; you may not invent details for your project that do not exist in the text.

As you draft this assignment, consider the following questions:
- What kinds of national problems can Beowulf solve effectively?
- What adjectives best describe Beowulf as a hero?
- What types of skills does Beowulf possess?
- What past experience does Beowulf have at solving problems?
- How has Beowulf been recognized or rewarded for his heroism?
- Who could recommend Beowulf's services to another nation?

Helpful Resources:

International News
- World News Networks
  http://www.wnnetwork.com/
- International News Sources in English
  http://www.kidon.com/media-link/english.php

Technical Writing
- Functional resume
  Writers INC page 321
- Persuasive letter
  Writers INC page 304

Your projects are due on Monday 26 January via EPals or submitted to your teacher by hand.

Personal Data: information needed to contact Beowulf; lineage; country of origin

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Job Objective: type of position Beowulf desires; terms of employment: time frame, benefits, salary/bonuses, etc.

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Skills Categories: types of skills needed for job objective (communication skills, leadership skills, etc.)

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Specific Skills: key qualities and skills that Beowulf possesses that are appropriate for position and within the skills categories you listed above (boasting in communication skills, forming rescue party in leadership skills, etc.)

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Work History: previous work experience, duties, accomplishments related specifically to skills

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Training/Education: preparation related to job objective (not necessarily formal training)

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Other: awards, hobbies, gifts, etc., that Beowulf has received in recognition of excellence

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References: names, titles, and contact information for people who could recommend Beowulf

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