

Unit One
Writing Assignments
The Search for the Heroic Identity

News story

Using a model, write a news story about one of Beowulf's three battles. Include details from the selection and statements from imaginary witnesses to the event.

Resource: LOL, pp. 32-64

TEKS: 1A-E, 2A-H, 3-A-E, 5A, 6A-C, 7A-G

Comparison/Contrast Essay

Using a model, write an essay in which you compare and contrast the elements of an epic as found in *Beowulf*, the *Iliad*, and *Ramayana*.

TEKS: 1A-C, 2-A-E, 3A-D, 8E

College or Scholarship Essay

Using a model, write either a college essay using the topic from the college you choose or from the Common Application for Texas Public Colleges or write a scholarship essay on the given topic.

TEKS: 1A-E, 2A-H, 3A-E, 61-C

Man or Woman of the Year Nomination Letter

Write a letter nominating a person (famous or not, living or dead) for Man or Woman of the Year. You may nominate the person because of heroic qualities or because of other qualities you admire such as kindness or usefulness to the community or the world. Describe the qualities that lead you to nominate this person and provide evidence that the person has these qualities.

TEKS: 1A-E, 2A-H, 3A-E

TAKS Prep Writing

Read *Beowulf* and “This Nation Has Lost a Real-life Superman” and complete the short responses and essay included in this guide.

TEKS: All TEKS normally covered in TAKS writing.

SAT 25-minute Essay

See the assignment in this guide.

TEKS: 1C-E, 2C-D, 3A-C