

*The Sacred Earth and the Power of Storytelling*

***Beowulf***

**1. Read the tale and answer the questions**

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**BEOWULF, THE HERO**

*This story, BEOWULF, is an epic poem which is a long poem about a brave hero's deeds.*



Old King **Hrothgar** of Denmark enjoys a prosperous and successful reign. He builds a great hall, called **Heorot**, where his warriors spend long hours drinking and singing. They like to listen to stories sung by the **Scops** who are poets.

But the euphoric noise from Heorot hall angers **Grendel**, a horrible demon that lives in a lake near Hrothgar's kingdom. Grendel terrorizes the Danes, killing them every night. **The Danes** suffer many years of fear, danger, and death at the hands of Grendel.

One day, this bad news arrives to Geatland where a brave warrior called Beowulf lives. He hears about this wicked monster. Then he sails to Denmark with a small company of men, to defeat Grendel.



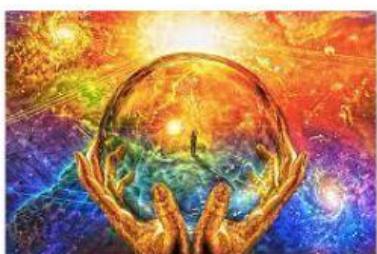
Beowulf and his warriors are received by King Hrothgar with a great feast.

During the welcome party, the terrible Grendel arrives. Beowulf fights him, showing his strength to the demon. As Grendel tries to escape,

**Define/Explain**

**Scop:**

**2. Write an Ecuadorian Legend or Myth. (150-200 words)**

*The Sacred Earth and the Power of Storytelling***1. Read and label the pictures.**

We all value the land on which we live for the resources it provides us with. But early Native Americans valued the Earth and all living things on a spiritual level as well. Generations of Native American storytellers have passed down tales that illustrate their profound respect for the Earth and its creatures.

This respect served as the foundation for Native Americans' religious beliefs. Native Americans' ceremonies focused on the natural cycle of life, and their stories and songs expressed their great reverence for life. To them, all living things have a spirit and are connected to each other.

Instead of claiming the land on which they lived, Native Americans believed that the land on Earth belonged not only to people but to all living creatures. However, Europeans came to America with different views. Their driving ambition was to own their own land, and these conflicting beliefs led to raging battles between the Native Americans and the European explorers and settlers. Native American leaders wound up signing land treaties that they often did not understand, allowing the Europeans to settle the lands.

Stories of Native Americans' beliefs and attitudes originated nearly forty-thousand years ago. Native Americans were oral storytellers; therefore, written records of their earliest tales do not exist. As a result, no one knows exactly what those early stories were about. Some of the stories may have been about hunting, as Native Americans often believed that hunters and animals were linked spiritually. Despite the absence of a written record, Native American folklore still thrives. Throughout the ages, it has been passed down from generation to generation, and it still remains an essential part of Native American tradition today.

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2. *Write a mind-map of the previous text.*
3. *Add extra information.*