

Beowulf Boast Poem

Name: _____

Beowulf, as we know, was not modest about informing the world of his talents and positive attributes. Boasting may be viewed as arrogant today, but during Beowulf's time, Anglo-Saxons viewed boasting about their parents, the feats they accomplished, and what they planned to do as expected and polite.

You will write a formal boast about yourself. Tell us about academic, athletic, musical, social and artistic achievements, who your parents and friends are, what you plan to do in life and how you aren't going to be pushed around. Remember, you will be applying for college and/or jobs soon, so you need to get in the habit of discussing your qualifications!

Attach this paper to your boast for grading. This assignment must be typed!

Rubric

Alliteration in every line (at least 3 matching consonants!) <i>Three matching consonants in each line must be present to earn the half point. <u>Underline</u> each alliterative consonant.</i>	___/___ points
At least three original kennings <i>Each kenning is worth two points. <u>Circle</u> each.</i>	___/___ points
At least three references to family and/or friends <i>Each family/friend reference is worth two points. Draw a ☆ above each reference.</i>	___/___ points
Mention of five future plans, accomplishments and/or positive attributes <i>Each mention of a future plan, accomplishment or positive attribute is worth two points. Draw a ↴ above each.</i>	___/___ points
Deductions:	
16-20 lines in length <i>Half a point subtracted for each line missing</i>	Points deducted:
Correct spelling <i>Half a point subtracted for each error</i>	Points deducted:
Total Points Earned	___/___ points

Boast Poem Prewriting

After you complete this and start writing, don't forget that you need to include alliteration (with at least three consonants) in every line.

What three relatives and/or friends will you include?

What five future plans, past accomplishments and/or positive attributes will you include?

What three original kennings will you include?

Boast Example

Time flies freely, and fun I, as the daughter of Janet,

have had, but I have hardly hunkered down

to craft a classic, creative word-collection.

Not a reluctant reader and writer, I, daughter of Robert,

put pen to paper to polish perfect prose

and made more than mediocre attempts at my Master's degree work,

with concentrated concern for acing core classes.

The best friend of Megan, I will pursue a plethora of experiences

by traveling tempting trails from Tennessee to Torino

and fly far to the fields of freesia in southern France

by building up bills in the bank.

Preserving my Penn State pride in empowering the poor and persecuted,

I, the niece of Jane, vow to volunteer vacant minute-clumps

to be cheerful and chipper about charity.

As the girl-child of Robert, I will attain athletic acclaim

as a total tennis turbine during the sun-season,

drilling as the day-maker dawns.

I won't wait to check off my wishes,

and as Jeanne of the Smith family, I will be always jetting to joyfulness.

1. I, _____ (your name), _____ (relationship) of _____ (relative's name) have _____

(finish statement to create alliteration)

2. _____

(Accomplishment #1)

3. _____

(Accomplishment #2)

4. _____

(Accomplishment #3)

5. _____

(Accomplishment #4)

6. _____

(Accomplishment #5)

7. _____

(continue Accomplishment #5)

8. I, _____ (relationship) of _____ (relative's name) will

9. _____

(finish statement to create alliteration)

10. _____

(Plan #1)

11. _____

(continue Plan #1)

12. _____

(Plan #2)

13. _____

(Plan #3)

14. _____

(Plan #4)

15. _____

(continue with Plan #4)

16. And as _____ (your first name) of the _____ (your last name) family,

will always _____