Beowulf- The protagonist of the epic, Beowulf is a Geatish hero

**King Hrothgar** -  The king of the Danes.

**Grendel** -  A demon descended from Cain

**Healfdane** -  The father of Hrothgar

**Unferth** -  A Danish warrior who is jealous of Beowulf

**Wiglaf** -  A young kinsman of Beowulf

**Hrunting**- the sword given to him by Unferth

**Edgetho**- Beowulf’s father

**Higlac**- Beowulf’s uncle, king of the Geats

Literary terms in Beowulf

Alliteration- the first letter of the word is repeated

Kenning- two-word metaphor to replace another (ex- helmet-wearer = warrior)

Caesura- pause that separates 2 lines of verse

Scop- storyteller

Epic- Hero is a good leader; setting is broad; hero does great deeds in battle; god/gods take part at times; use of exaggeration

Wyrd- Anglo-Saxon concept of fate