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Sounds of the Saga

Directions: Alliteration, the repetition of initial consonant sounds, was one of the most important stylistic devices in Old English poetry. Below are short excerpts inspired by *Beowulf*.

- Identify the **alliterated words** in each line by underlining them.
- Write what effect the alliteration has (for example: adds rhythm, emphasizes strength, builds tension).

1. "Fate favored the fearless fighter."

Alliteration:

Effect:

2. "Grendel grimly grasped the guard."

Alliteration:

Effect:

3. "The sea surged, sending ships sideways."

Alliteration:

Effect:

4. "Beowulf bore bold bravery into battle."

Alliteration:

Effect:

5. "Wiglaf withstood the wrathful wurm."

Alliteration:

Effect: