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Heroism Then and Now

Directions: Beowulf was written over a thousand years ago, but many of its themes still connect to our world today. Write a short essay responding to the prompt:

In what ways does Beowulf's idea of heroism connect to modern ideas of what makes someone a hero?

- Consider traits like bravery, loyalty, sacrifice, or fame.
- Compare Beowulf's actions to modern heroes (real-life figures like firefighters, soldiers, doctors, or fictional heroes like superheroes).
- Reflect on whether heroism has changed over time or if it still means the same thing.



Use the essay planning organizer below:

Beowulf's Heroic Traits	Modern Heroic Traits	Connections / Differences

Extension Challenge: In one final paragraph, discuss whether you think Beowulf himself would be admired as a hero in today's world. Why or why not?
