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Words of the Epic

Directions: Below are words from *Beowulf* or from epic poetry traditions. Some are Old English terms, and others are key epic vocabulary. For each:

- Write a definition in your own words.
- Identify whether it is: (a) Old English/Anglo-Saxon word, (b) kenning, or (c) epic vocabulary/poetic device.
- Use the term in a short original sentence.

Mead-hall

Wyrd

Thane

Kenning

Comitatus

Scop

Barrow

Geat