

## Words of the Epic Answer Key

1. **Mead-hall** - A large hall where warriors gathered to eat, drink, and celebrate; symbol of community and loyalty. (a) Sentence: The warriors feasted in the great mead-hall after battle.
2. **Wyrd** - Fate or destiny in Anglo-Saxon belief. (a) Sentence: Beowulf accepted that wyrd would determine his final battle.
3. **Thane** - A warrior or retainer serving a king or lord. (a) Sentence: The thane swore to protect his lord at all costs.
4. **Kenning** - A figurative compound expression (e.g., "whale-road" for sea). (b) Sentence: The poet used "sky-candle" as a kenning for the sun.
5. **Comitatus** - The bond of loyalty between a lord and his warriors. (c) Sentence: Comitatus demanded that Beowulf's men stand with him in battle.
6. **Scop** - An Anglo-Saxon bard or poet who recited stories. (a) Sentence: The scop entertained the hall with tales of heroes.
7. **Barrow** - A mound of earth or stone raised over a grave. (a) Sentence: Beowulf was buried beneath a great barrow by the sea.
8. **Geat** - A member of the tribe from southern Sweden, Beowulf's people. (a) Sentence: Beowulf was the bravest of the Geats.