



Subject: English

Grade Level: High School

DI Strategy: RAFT

Beowulf RAFT

After reading *Beowulf* in my High School English class, I assigned students a RAFT assignment. Students were first given a formative assessment on their understanding of *Beowulf*. Together with my knowledge of their writing ability, I used the formative assessment results to assign students to the specific RAFT groups. Below you will find the RAFT assignment that was given to the students.

Modern-Day Beowulf Boast

One of the more interesting elements of the epic poem *Beowulf* is the role boasting plays in their society. Warriors would mainly boast about:

- feats their ancestors accomplished
- feats they have accomplished
- feats they plan to accomplish

If this cycle sounds familiar, it should. Although things change over a thousand or so years, some things remain the same. While we may not necessarily stand up in a meadhall proclaiming our prowess to thanes in today's society, we do have to sell ourselves during various points in our life: job interviews, college application letters, etc.

As *Beowulf*, you will participate in **ONE** of the following contemporary activities which could be considered examples of modern-day boasts. No matter which modern-day boast you are given, it is crucial to **BE SPECIFIC PERTAINING TO THE CONFLICTS DEPICTED** in the poem. After you are given a topic you will also be given a specific description of expectations. Here are the topics:

Role	Audience	Format (Modern Boast)	Topic
College Applicant	Admissions Office	Application Essay	>ESSAY PROMPT: Please tell us something about yourself, your experiences, or activities that you believe would reflect positively on your ability to succeed at Geat State University. This is your opportunity to tell



			us something about yourself. We suggest a limit of 500 words or fewer.
Sideline Interviewer	National Television Audience	Interview presented in front of class or recorded	>If Beowulf would be alive today, there's a good chance he'd be a sports celebrity with his athletic prowess in battle. For this activity, you and a partner will have a sideline interview about Beowulf's accomplishments on the battlefield against Grendel, Grendel's Mother and the Dragon. The reporter must ask salient questions pertaining to the particulars of the conflicts and Beowulf must provide descriptive answers.
Job Applicant	Human Resources Official	Résumé	>Beowulf has a unique skillset, as we all have learned through reading this epic poem. For this activity, you will compose a résumé that provides Beowulf's various accomplishments throughout the course of his life. You should have a section for the following: Objective, Education History, Work History (battles, job titles), Skills, References, and Awards . You will be required to formulate 10 Kennings to better present Beowulf as the right candidate.
Politician	Voting Public	Speech	Beowulf is a born leader – as Hrothgar was first to point out – and is aspiring for political office. You must do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Write a political speech as Beowulf (on your own) hailing his accomplishments ● Present a sit-down interview (with a partner) detailing Beowulf's many accomplishments ● Record a political commercial (with a partner).