

Beowulf Literary Analysis Rubric - - Ms. Maxwell- - English 11

	Exemplary (5)	Almost There (3-4)	Ineffective (0-2)
Thesis Statement is...	<p>...ARGUABLE - takes a clear stance.</p> <p>...SPECIFIC - addresses <i>why</i> or <i>how</i> argument is supported or demonstrated.</p> <p>...COMPLEX - addresses the topic in depth; indicates the “<i>so what?</i>” and implications of argument.</p>	Precise central claim establishes clear argument but may be lacking in complexity .	Argument may be evident but central claim lacks specificity and complexity .
Formatting & Mechanics	<p>Error-free MLA format (MLA header, double-spacing, indentations, in-text citations).</p> <p>Error-free mechanics, spelling, and grammar.</p>	Minor errors in MLA format or mechanics, spelling, and grammar that do not detract from overall meaning.	Substantive errors in MLA format or mechanics, spelling, and grammar that detract from overall meaning.
Writing (x3)	<p>Skillful introduction and conclusion.</p> <p>Deliberate and highly effective progression of ideas.</p> <p>Establishes and maintains a formal style and objective tone.</p> <p>Exemplary creation of claims relating to the thesis statement.</p>	<p>Effective introduction and conclusion.</p> <p>Clear progression of ideas.</p> <p>Proficient creation of claims relating to the thesis statement.</p>	<p>Ineffective introduction or conclusion.</p> <p>Little to no discernible progression of ideas.</p> <p>Inadequate creation of claims relating to the thesis statement.</p>
Reading (x3)	<p>Demonstrates thorough comprehension of the source text and makes skillful use of textual evidence.</p> <p>Contains relevant, sufficient, and strategically chosen support for claims made.</p>	<p>Demonstrates effective comprehension of the source text and makes appropriate use of textual evidence.</p> <p>Contains relevant and sufficient support for claims made.</p>	<p>Demonstrates little comprehension of the source text or makes limited or haphazard use of textual evidence.</p> <p>Contains little or no relevant support for claims made.</p>
Analysis (x3)	<p>Offers insightful analysis of the source text and demonstrates sophisticated understanding of the analytical task.</p> <p>Provides effective explanation and reasoning for all claims made; contains no gaps in information.</p>	<p>Offers effective analysis of the source text and demonstrates understanding of the analytical task.</p> <p>Provides effective explanation and reasoning for most claims made; contains some gaps in information.</p>	<p>Limited or ineffective analysis of source text.</p> <p>Provides limited explanation and reasoning for claims made; contains many gaps in information.</p>