

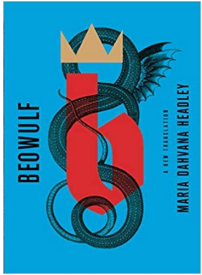
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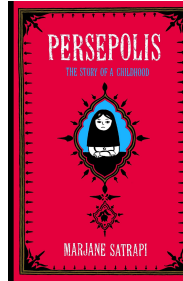
## Summer Assignment for English 12 (Summer 2021)

### Required Books

***Beowulf*** by Maria Dahvana Headley  
ISBN-13: 978-0374110031



***Persepolis*** by Marjane Satrapi  
ISBN-13: 978-0375714573



**Summer Reading Assignments are due the first day of school. No exceptions.**

### Assignment for *Beowulf*:

*Beowulf* touches upon many themes and ideas. Here are some examples: heroism, fate, religion (Paganism vs. Christianity), trust, virtue, and loyalty. As you are annotating the epic poem, keep these themes in mind.

#### **Directions:**

**A. Carefully read and annotate the text by doing the following:**

- Bracket scenes that stand out to you.
- Comment and ask questions in the margins, especially as they relate to the themes.
- Circle words that you do not know the meaning of and look up the words as you read.

**B. Answer five of the following questions in one full paragraph. A paragraph is five to eight sentences in length and includes both a topic and concluding sentence.**

**C. Make specific references to the text to support your responses.**

#### Guided Questions:

1. Pretend you are Beowulf and you are approaching Denmark. Describe what you have heard about Hrothgar and Grendel. What are your expectations?
2. Describe Beowulf's first night in Hrothgar's castle. How do others respond to him?
3. What is your own definition of evil? Does Grendel match your definition? Why or why not?

4. Pretend you are Grendel on the night of your battle with Beowulf and the Geats. Describe what happens in Heorot. Try to use all five senses (sight, sound, taste, touch, and smell) to describe your feelings before, during, and after the battle.
5. Pretend you are Grendel's mother and have just learned about the death of your son. Discuss your emotions and preparations for revenge.
6. What is your definition of a villain? Is Grendel's mother a villain or are her actions justified because of her loss?
7. Pretend you are Wiglaf. Describe your sense of loyalty to Beowulf. Why are you willing to risk your life to help him when nobody else will?
8. What is your definition of a hero? Is Beowulf a true hero? Does he have flaws?

### **Assignment for *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi**

**Directions: Write one full paragraph in response to all three prompts below. Be specific, detailed, and thoughtful in your responses. (A paragraph is five to eight sentences in length, and includes both a topic and concluding sentence.)**

1. Text-to-Text Connection: After you have completed the assigned reading, describe how *Persepolis* relates to another story you have read. (Helpful questions to get you started: What does this story remind me of in another book I've read? How is this text similar to other things I've read? How is this different from other books I've read?).
2. Text-to-World: After you have completed the assigned reading, describe how *Persepolis* relates to the world as you know it. (Helpful questions to get you started: What does this remind me of in the real world? How is this text similar to things that happen in the real world? How is this different from things that happen in the real world?).
3. Text-to-Self: After you have completed the assigned reading, describe how *Persepolis* relates to your own life experiences. (Helpful questions to get you started: What does this remind me of in my life? What is this similar to in my life? How is this different from my life? Has something like this ever happened to me? What were my feelings when I read this?).