2018 WulfStudies Presentation

Goal: You will create an Anglo-Saxon studies presentation which builds context for our understanding of *Beowulf*.

Role: As an Anglo-Saxon studies scholar, you will first do research individually on one of the following areas: the politics, religion, culture, or language of the Anglo-Saxons. Then, in your small groups, you will synthesize the research into a presentation for the class.

Audience: All class members.

Purpose: You have been asked to create a WulfStudies presentation on the Anglo-Saxons. Research of a people's history and culture better informs and deepens our reading of its literature. Knowing the Anglo-Saxons, what they thought and felt, will help us understand Beowulf.

Situation: You have Anglo-Saxon Research: Topics and Questions to guide your exploration, including:



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Politics

How do geography, social structure, and law converge to create the politics of the Anglo-Saxon period?



Religion

What are the origins of religion in the Anglo-Saxon period? What are early-Christian and pre-Christian influences?



Culture

What do Anglo-Saxon customs, arts, artifacts, and archeology reveal about its people?



Language

What are the origins of the English Language? What are the origins of literature and literary elements?

Individual Product: (20 points) You will create and turn in a hard (paper) copy of Cornell Notes on which you record and organize your individual research and bibliographic citations. You must have at least 2 different sources (one source per Cornell Note page), although you are encouraged to explore additional sources. You must take clear, well-paraphrased notes from the sources on your topic. You must also include a few quotations from the source that provide vivid, memorable evidence enriching your notes.

Group Product: (40 points) With your group, you will synthesize the information you each gathered and create a 6-8 minute presentation using at least 5 sources, integrating text, images, and an MLA works cited page. You will be able to access each other through google small groups. Your group may choose the presentation format but it must be compatible with school technology. In addition, your group will turn in a written MLA-style works cited page along with a self-evaluation of your WulfStudies presentation.

Standards and Criteria for Success:

Your presentation will be assessed based on:

- (1) thorough research of varied and numerous sources,
- (2) successful synthesis of research into a cohesive and technically proficient presentation,
- (3) depth and complexity of answers to research inquiry questions, and
- (4) responsible and active individual contribution to the group.