

"Beowulf" is an Old English epic poem that tells the story of its titular hero, a noble warrior from Geatland (modern-day Sweden). Grendel flees, mortally wounded, and his mother seeks revenge, prompting Beowulf to dive into her underwater lair to confront her as well. The poem concludes with Beowulf's death and a lament for his lost heroism, emphasizing the values of bravery, loyalty, and the inevitable decline of all heroes. He confronts Grendel in a fierce battle, ultimately defeating the monster by ripping off his arm.