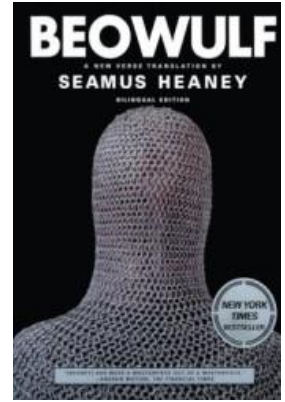


## English 3 Honors – Ms Denman



By electing to take an honors level course, you are expected to do honors level work. I will be looking for students that demonstrate critical thinking, initiative and take academic risks.

Please do not wait until the last minute to read both books and complete the essay. This will serve as your first grade for the marking period and your first impression.

### 1) Read BOTH

- a) *Beowulf: A New Verse Translation* by Seamus Heaney translation
- b) *Grendel* by John Gardner

### 2) Read ONE (no written assignment)

- a) *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
- b) *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

### 3) Writing Assignment – Choose ONE

- a) Compare the world as seen through the eyes of *Beowulf* and *Grendel*. Be certain in this compare and contrast essay that you have an arguable thesis statement that does not summarize the book. Include support in the form of quotes from the novel within your body paragraphs, OR
- b) Compare and contrast the treatment of the hero and the monster in *Beowulf* and *Grendel*. Be certain to have an arguable thesis statement and support and text from the novel within your body paragraphs.

### 4) Format

- a) Hard copies only; DO NOT EMAIL!
  - i) Essay should be typed
  - ii) Twelve point font
  - iii) Times New Roman

### 3) Due Date

- a) First day of class

### 4) Grading

- a) first essay grade for the marking
- b) Graded on the following:
  - a) original and clear thesis statement
  - b) inclusion of quotes within body paragraphs
  - c) analysis of quotes and text that help to further and prove your argument
  - d) clear transitions and organization

### 5) Other

- a) If you have any questions or run into problems you may email me over the summer at: [denmanc@kinnelon.org](mailto:denmanc@kinnelon.org).

***Have a safe and academic summer!***