*Beowulf****:*** Chest Thumping: The Boast

In Anglo-Saxon culture, heroes typically announced to the world who they were, who their noble parents (lineage) were, what heroic deeds they had performed, and what they intended to accomplish. In contrast with our culture, such bragging—boasting—was considered polite and expected.

Assignment: Write a formal boast about yourself. Consider: deeds, your genealogy (parents), what you plan to do or accomplish (academic, athletic, musical, social, artistic, etc.).

Criteria: To show an understanding of Anglo-Saxon poetry:

* Four hard beats per line,
* No end-rhyme,
* A caesura in each mid-line,
* Heavy alliteration in each line
* An original kenning

10-20 lines (blue or black ink, typed) *Beowulf****:*** The Boast