Review for Unit 1 Exam – Anglo-Saxons and the reading of *Beowulf*

01. Know all vocabulary for Unit 1 – Literary and Reading terms.

02. Know the beginning and ending years of the Anglo-Saxon Period.

03. Know the names of the three tribes that invaded Britain.

04. Know where the three tribes originated from before entering Britain.

05. Know how the Anglo-Saxon stories passed from generation to generation and why they were passed that way.

06. Know what religion the Anglo-Saxons originally practiced.

07. Know what religion they were converted to.

08. Know who invaded the Anglo-Saxons successfully and in what year.

09. Know what the richest of the Anglo-Saxons were called.

10. Know what influences from the Anglo-Saxon people are still used today (there are three)?

11. Be prepared to give me examples of your literary terms.

12. Grendel killed how many men initially?

13. How many years did Herot stand empty?

14. How many men did Beowulf take with him to Denmark?

15. How did Beowulf kill Grendel?

16. Where was the “trophy of war” placed so that all could see it and celebrate?

17. Where did Beowulf have to go in order to kill Grendel’s mother?

18. What damage did Beowulf’s sword (Hrunting) do in the battle with Grendel’s mother?

19. What does Beowulf use to kill Grendel’s mother?

20. Beowulf finds Grendel’s dead body, what does he do to it?

21. What does Beowulf bring from the lake with him (two items)?

22. How many men does it take to carry one of the two items?

23. How many years does Beowulf rule as King of Geatland?

24. What disturbs the dragon?

25. What is the action of Beowulf’s men while he is losing the battle with the dragon?

26. Who helps Beowulf kill the dragon?

27. What is done to honor Beowulf?

28. How long does it take to do this?

29. What is done with Beowulf’s ashes?

30. How many men stay and honor Beowulf?

31. Know the characteristics/traits of an epic hero.

32. Know the characteristics/traits of an epic tale.

33. Other advice I am willing to provide for the exam:

\* Know the order in which the events of the story take place – this is where the chapter outlines will be helpful.

\* Know how to think critically about some of the events in the story: Example – Why did Beowulf plan to slay the

dragon on his own, without help from his men?

\* Know how to read a short passage and be able to answer questions about the passage.

Example – “Then when darkness had dropped, Grendel/Went up to Herot, wondering what the warriors/Would do in that hall when their drinking was done./He found them sprawled in sleep, suspecting/Nothing, their dreams undisturbed.”

Questions: What does the word “dropped” mean? The men are “sprawled” in sleep; what does this mean?