**Beowulf Terminology**

**Literary Genres, literary sources, archaic words (Anglo-Saxon dialect, Latin, Norse, Celtic)**

Legitimate epic

Literary epic

Saga

Lay

Germanic Alliterative Verse tradition

Caesura

Kenning

Alliteration

Assonance

Comitatus

Treue

Witan

Thane, retainer, eorl

Ceorl

Scop

Fili

Tacitus’ Germania

Meadhall, mead

Flagon

Mere. Moor, fen

Wyrd

Byrny

Boast/gielp

Béot

Thyle…herald…coastguard…hero

Epic conventions:

Elegiac passage…padeutic passage…literary set piece

In media res…foreshadowing…epic retardation