PART I: Intro to Beowulf

Please go through all the sections on this website. [http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/beowulf/](http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/beowulf/)

Be sure to go through the entire site, both the menu on the left and the one in the upper right.

1. What exactly is Beowulf?

2. What language was it composed in?

3. When was it composed and what type of poem is it?

4. What is the story about?

5. Where do the events in the story take place geographically?

6. Briefly explain the story behind the manuscript of the poem.

7. Why is Beowulf important as a work of literature?

8. What is a scop?

9. What can be problematic about translating a poem like Beowulf?

10. Who wrote Beowulf?
PART II: Greene Hamlet

Use this site for the following questions: http://greenehamlet.com/beowulf.html

11. What are some problems that occurred with the manuscript of the poem as a result of the fire?

12. Where is the manuscript housed today?

PART III: The Manuscript

View a page from an old manuscript of Beowulf. http://www.fortunecity.com/victorian/eliot/722/Manauth.htm

13. Describe the page. What does it look like/remind you of?

PART IV: Sutton Hoo

You will need to investigate all four sites below.

d. http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/ (you will need to use the SEARCH feature on the website and then go through likely articles)

14. Who or what is Sutton Hoo?

15. Where is it located?

16. Why does it exist—what purpose does it serve and what does it tell us about Anglo-Saxon culture?

17. What are some of the items found there?

18. Who was buried there?
19. Go to “RELATED HIGHLIGHT OBJECTS” on the Sutton Hoo page at the British Museum site to get to the list of objects found at Sutton Hoo. Which object do you find the most interesting & why? Explain.

PART V: Anglos-Saxons

Go to the following website to learn more about homes and halls:
http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons/houses.htm

20. What happened to many of the towns set up by the Romans?

21. What materials were homes constructed from?

22. Describe how the houses were set up.

23. Who lived in the Hall (mead hall)?

24. Describe the set-up and atmosphere of a mead hall.

PART VI: Food and Drink

Go to the websites listed below to answer the corresponding questions:
http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons/food.htm

25. What types of food did Anglo-Saxons grow?

26. What did they drink instead of water? Why?

27. Why were many Anglo-Saxons vegetarians?

28. What was the only type of animal used just for its meat?
Go to: 
http://www.marga.org/food/int/anglosaxon/
29. Scroll to the bottom and click on the three recipes. Of these three, which would you most prefer to eat? Why?

30. What are three ingredients in the recipe above?
A.  
B.  
C.  

PART VII: Social Structure

Learn about the social structure of the Anglo-Saxons. Go to:
Scroll down to “A Lord’s Life.”

31. Who was at the top of the social ladder?

32. What was this person expected to provide?

33. What were the two social classes below the king?

34. What are three ways people became slaves?
A.  
B.  
C.  

PART VII: Daily Life

Discover how the Anglo-Saxons lived in their daily lives. Go to:
http://www.wikitree.com/articles/year-1000/

35. If you were to go back in time to the year 1000 and meet an Anglo-Saxon, what is the first thing you would notice?

36. What happened to people after the year 1000 and before today that made them smaller?
37. At what age was a boy considered old enough to swear an oath to the king?

38. When did most girls marry?

39. When did most adults die?

40. What disease found in skeletal remains tells us these people worked hard?

Go to http://www.octavia.net/anglosaxon/Morgengyfu.htm

41. What was morgengifu, and when was it given?

42. If a woman wished to divorce her husband, how much money and property was she entitled to?

PART IX: Clothing

Scroll to the top of the page: http://www.octavia.net/9thclife/Clothing.htm

43. What material was used for most clothing?

44. Did women wear underwear other than a slip (shift)?

45. What did they wear over their shift?

46. What were some colors of clothing?

47. What did men wear?
Use the following websites to answer the questions below. Go to:

Go to:  
http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/nordic/index.htm

48. Click on one of the gods listed in the left column. Write a sentence about that god:

49. Go back to the previous page. Click on one of the stories from the right column. What is the story about?

Go to:
http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/roman/daysweek.htm

50. We get the names of the days of the week from Saxon gods. Fill in the blanks below:
   Monday= _____________’s day  (god of _____________________________)
   Tuesday= _____________’s day  (god of _____________________________)
   Wednesday=_____________’s day  (god of _____________________________)
   Thursday=_____________’s day  (god of _____________________________)
   Friday=_____________’s day  (goddess of _____________________________)
   Sunday=_____________’s day  (god of _____________________________)

Go to:
http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons/religion.htm

Scroll down to “From Pagan to Christianity”

51. About how long ago were the pagans converted?

52. What is the name of the man who converted the king in Kent?

53. Where did this man build a church?