

Grendel Essay Options 2014
Due Tuesday Wednesday 11/19 by 3:15

Directions: Choose one of the two following prompts to answer thoroughly. Remember to read it completely and answer all parts of the prompt chosen. Please WRITE the prompt NUMBER you choose at the top of your first page along with your name, hour, and date. You DO NOT have to rewrite the prompt. You must turn in a hard copy on the due date.

This is an opened ended essay, so remember that paraphrase is an acceptable means to defend your facts/claims. Make sure you follow key instructions from your previous essays (I would look over the Les Miserables and Beowulf essays in particular).

Grendel Timed Writing Option #1

AP 2002: Morally ambiguous characters -- characters whose behavior discourages readers from identifying them as purely evil or purely good -- are at the heart of many works of literature. Choose a novel or play in which a morally ambiguous character plays a pivotal role. Then write an essay in which you explain how the character can be viewed as morally ambiguous and why his or her moral ambiguity is significant to the work as a whole. Avoid mere plot summary.

Grendel Timed Writing Option #2

AP 1979: Choose a complex and important character in a novel or a play of recognized literary merit who might on the basis of the character's actions alone be considered evil or immoral. In a well-organized essay, explain both how and why the full presentation of the character in the work makes us react more sympathetically than we otherwise might. Avoid plot summary.