

English IV *Beowulf* Project

One very interesting trend with the growth of technology is the movement away from using traditional written resumes alone to introduce others to you and your accomplishments. In some extreme circumstances, people have even piqued an employer's interest using a vine resume.

Your assignment is to construct a Prezi that presents you to your audience. This Prezi will offer you the chance to present yourself to the audience in a variety of ways and using various techniques. In the process of creating the various strands of this Prezi, you must include videos (including vines) or photos with written descriptions and evidence to create a product that is engaging and informative for your audience. Technology other than Prezi may be used instead if you'd like to impress me. The same rubric will apply and you may see me for ideas or approval if you would like to use a different technology (i.e. Aurasma, Thinglink, VoiceThread, etc.)

Requirements and Guidelines

Your boast ~ Speaking and Listening Strand (20 points)

- Must capture significant (and true) aspects of you, your character, your interests, etc.
- Needs to be at least 10 lines in length
- Needs to have a lyrical quality to it – concentrate on rhyme and rhythm
- Needs to be delivered with emphasis, *energy*, body movement
- Needs to be memorized
- Must be uploaded to the Prezi as video with appropriate volume
(more about boast at end of project description)

Your boast ~ Literature Strand (20 points)

- 10-20 lines that show your understanding of Anglo-Saxon poetry and poetic format
- Heavy alliteration in each line
- Effective use of rhyme and rhythm
- Two original kennings
- Four hard beats per line

Virtual Resume ~ (40 points)

- Choose *four of the following* to present
 - your background
 - significant failures that have helped you change
 - times you have challenged ideas
 - significant places that are meaningful to you
 - accomplishments or events that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood
- incorporate student-made photos and videos to visually present the information for the category you are addressing
- include written explanation and description to capture in writing what you are presenting visually (here you will want to use the type of writing useful for a college application essay)
- include a Works Cited for any image or video that is not your own (this Works Cited should be the final frame).

The Prezi itself must ~**(20 points)**

- include at least five main frames (one for the boast and one for each portion of virtual resume that you present);
- use an appropriate, thematically-relevant template to direct the “reader” through the presentation
- utilize color and form to present ideas in an engaging manner
- demonstrate proficiency with use of Prezi
- follow the proper rules and guidelines for grammar and mechanics

Preparation

We will work on this Prezi for two days in the computer lab.

It is recommended that you come to the computer lab with any written material, video, and photo materials necessary to make good use of that time.

Value:

This project will be worth 100 total points: 80 points for the Literature Strand; 20 points for the Speaking and Listening Strand

About that boast:

Beowulf and the many brave thanes among the Danes, Geats, and Swedes saw nothing arrogant in letting the world know who they were, from what noble lineage they descended, what great feats they had accomplished and foe they had undone. Anglo-Saxon Europe was a land bathed in blood and cowardice cost lives.

Assignment: Write a formal boast about yourself and perform it for the class. Tell us your deeds, who’s your daddy/mama, what you plan to do now/later, and how you’re not gonna take nothin’ from nobody. Your accomplishments may be academic, athletic, musical, social, artistic, etc. Lay aside your humility! ***Be sure to check the rubric and directions to ensure you meet all criteria!***