

Boast like Beowulf!

Answer the following questions thoroughly on your own paper (not enough room on this sheet!).

Writing lots of details here will help you later (hint, hint . . .).

1. What is your full name?
2. What is the meaning (etymology) of one of them (first or middle)? (Look online for a baby names & meaning site for help here.)
3. How did you get that name? Who gave it to you? Why? (What were they thinking when they chose it?)
4. Any nicknames/other names people call you?
5. What stories could you tell about how you got those nicknames?
6. Would you change your name? Why/why not?
7. Write two different kennings that you would like to rename you—kennings that capture who and how awesome you are.
8. Identify important family members. Who are your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.? Which ones are you the most proud of—in whom you take great pride and with whom you like to be associated?
9. Choose two or three of those you listed, and answer the following questions for each:
 - What do they do for a living?
 - What accomplishments/good deeds, etc. are they known for in your family or community?
 - Anyone infamous for something bad? What?
10. Create a kenning for each person you named above.
11. What have you done that you consider to be brave? Write down a specific event.
(*Ground it in concreteness!*) Even if you don't consider yourself brave, what would bravery look like for you? What would you like to be able to do?
12. In terms of your morals, principles, values, and beliefs—
 - What do you stand for? Honor? Glory? God? Loyalty? Honesty? Decency? etc.) Write below two or three of your most important ones.
 - Pick two of your own, and beside each, write a concrete example that **shows** what the abstract value, belief, principle looks, sounds, smells, etc. like.

Example 1:

- ~~Abstract~~ (poor): I believe in Christianity.
- **Concrete** (great!): The Cross of Christ compels me to communion.

Example 2:

- ~~Abstract~~ (poor): I believe in the importance of loyalty.
- **Concrete** (great!): The Faithful Foe-Fighter, I stand with my friends.

13. Name at least **3** past, great achievements (academic, athletic, musical, social, artistic, complete lies, etc.) Or make some epic achievements up.

14. What will you achieve in the future? (Make it epic!)