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Sigurd the Volsung Quiz Revisions

To revise your grade on your Beowulf reading quiz, respond to the prompt questions provided below.

In order to bring your grade up to the next level, you need to adequately respond to a prompt below.

This means: If you got a 70, respond to: 1 prompt for a 92, 2 prompts for a 100

If you got a 50, respond to: 1 prompt for a 70, 2 prompts for a 92, 3 prompts for a 100

If you did not take the quiz, you will need to respond to all four prompt questions

Each response should be at least 75 words.

Prompt: Fate

In this story, Odin plays the weaver-of-fate role that Wyrð occupied in *Beowulf*. Identify key moments in which Odin acts as an agent of fate and what effect that has on characters in the book. Compare and contrast this vision of fate to the one enacted by Wyrð in *Beowulf*. If one of these agents were to control your fate, which would you prefer it to be and why?

Prompt 2: Warriors

What warrior qualities does Sigurd possess and how does he use them in the story? Discuss how these qualities compare to those exhibited by *Beowulf* in his eponymous story. If these two warriors were on opposing sides in a conflict, how would that turn out for them and why?

Prompt 3: Family

Gudrun's family is one of the first complete family units that we have observed in our study of the hero's journey (aside from *Labyrinth* which displayed a more modern family). Identify and discuss the structure and significance of family in Sigurd's world. (Pro-tip - Look at: who has power and what sort, who is responsible to whom, what values does the family hold as important).

Prompt 4: Success

The background information on this story defines success for individuals in Sigurd's time. Identify specific ways in which Sigurd is successful in this story according to this definition of success. Compare this definition to how we, as Americans, define success in our society discussing similarities and differences between the two. How does this compare to your own personal view of success? Was Sigurd successful according to your view of success?