

## English Literature and History

### Assignment 5

- Complete Lesson 5 in your study guide and all of the accompanying reading. Make sure that you study the new words and do all of the exercises. This week we start the Medieval Period with the Medieval monk historian Bede, the Medieval poem (rendered into prose) *Beowulf* and Rudyard Kipling's "Harp Song of the Dane Women," which is a poem *about* the Medieval Period.
- This week you will be learning just teeny bit of the Anglo-Saxon language, which I had the opportunity of studying for a year many moons ago when I had to read *Beowulf* in the original. *Beowulf* begins this way:  
*Hwæt! we Gardena in geardagum.*



- You will not be doing any of the writing assignments mentioned in Lesson 5, as you will be working on your Writing Response for Lesson 5—the comparison essay on *King Lear*.
- We will need to have shields, of course, for our battles, and so you will make them according to your own particular heraldry. Begin making your shield using the directions given on the online assignment page ("Materials Needed"). This assignment will be due **the third Friday of November**. We will talk more about the project in class. You can see some of the **shields from past years here**.

### Long-term Assignments

- Continue reading the book that you have chosen for your book report. The report will be due *the last Friday before the Christmas break*.
- Comparison essay on *King Lear*, due the fourth week of October.
- We will be having a *short* test on the second week of October on the Briton Period to determine who is monarch.