

## English 12 Mid-Term Exam Quick and Non-Comprehensive Study Guide

This study guide does not cover all aspects of the exam. However, a thorough study of the following terms and concepts will help you get a significantly better grade...

### *Beowulf*

- Kenning
- Hrothgar (and his words and tone)
- Geatland
- Unferth
- Wiglaf (and his words and tone)
- Cain and Abel
- Herot
- Mead Hall
- Wergild
- Allusion
- Litotes
- Simile
- Angles (the tribe)
- The gifts of Hrothgar
- Grendel and Grendel's Mother
- Finn
- Aeschere
- Fen
- Hygelac
- Scop
- Approximately when Beowulf originated
- When was Old English spoken (approximate years)
- Wealtheow (and her words and tone)
- Beowulf (and his words and tone)
- The "look" of true Old English text
- The basic plot points of *Beowulf*

### *The Canterbury Tales*

- Know the following characters and their traits:
  - Summoner, Pardoner, Wife of Bath, Knight, Chaucer, Prioress, Miller, The Host (Harry Bailey), The Cook, Plowman, Parson, Physician, Clerk of Oxford, Franklin, Squire
- Courtly love
- Thomas Becket and the circumstance and people surrounding his death.
- "eek"

The meaning of the part of the Prologue that you memorized.

The purpose of the pilgrimage

*The Pardoner's Tale*

*The Miller's Tale*

The time period of the Canterbury Tales

The audience for the Canterbury Tales

The form of English it was written in

The Pardoner's relationship with the Host

Which characters represent the best and worst of their types

The effects of the plague

What city was considered the "center of the world" in the medieval mind

The effects of Aristotle and other pre-Christian authors on medieval thinking.

The basic plot structure of both *The Miller's Tale* and *The Pardoner's Tale*