



## Creative Writing - Write an Anglo-Saxon Story or Poem

Anglo-Saxon stories and poems told us of great events, heroic stories and brave warriors. The poems did not usually rhyme, but instead used 'alliteration' (such as: the wandering wolf travelled the western road). They also used 'kennings' which is where two nouns are used to describe an object (such as 'sea-road' meaning ocean or 'battle-play' meaning fighting).

For inspiration, look up the great heroic Old English poem 'Beowulf'

### Activity: Write your own short story or poem

Use some of these words to inspire your short story or poem.

Anglo-Saxon	Armour	Cooking	City	Beautiful
Blacksmith	Bead	Feast	Hall	Bravery
Boy	Boat	Food	House	Heroic
Craftsman	Brooch	Music	Market	Marvellous
Farmer	Cloak	Poet	Sea	Precious
Girl	Coins	Songs	Village	Splendid
King	Gift		Workshop	Wandering
Man	Helmet	Black		Musical
People	Jewellery	Blue	Copper	
Queen	Pot	Brown	Gold	Horse
Trader	Shield	Green	Garnet	Wolf
Warrior	Sword	Purple	Metal	Boar
Woman	Treasure	Red	Silver	Bird

Where will your story take place?

What are the names of your characters? Who is the main character?

What will happen? Will there be a big heroic event or will it describe a big royal hall full of feasting, music or treasures?