**Beowulf Vocabulary**

Affliction- a force that oppresses or causes suffering.

Purge- to cleanse or rid of something undesirable.

Gorge- to stuff with food; glut.

Talon- a claw.

Infamous- having a very bad reputation.

Scop- Anglo-Saxon poet.

Loathsome- disgusting.

Hoary- gray with age.

Epic- a long poem, typically one derived from ancient oral tradition,

narrating the deeds and adventures of heroic or legendary figures or

the history of a nation.

Comitatus- a body of companions; a group of warriors attached to a king, or chieftain.