

Beowulf's Resume

You are to construct a resume for Beowulf to be sent to King Danida of Scotland, seeking employment as a dragon slayer. Remember that Beowulf is an "out-of-towner" as he lives in Sweden and is a Geat, so Danida knows very little about him. Your resume should highlight the points that the society of that time consider to be important (refer to your notes on the Background). Your resume is to be written in a serious tone but should be creative as well.

The resume summarizes your credentials and gives the potential employer a quick look at what you have already done and what you are capable of doing. In short, your resume "sells" you to an employer.

You are taking "poetic license" in writing this resume as you need to keep in mind the time frame of the story while including "modern" touches. For example, on a modern resume, we include contact information-phone number and e-mail-which the Anglo-Saxons did not have. So how might Beowulf be contacted instead? Use your imagination and what you know about the era. Do this as well when creating company and university names, addresses, job titles...stay true to the story and the time period, but show your creativity too.

ELEMENTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED

1. **Heading:** include name, address, and other contact information.
2. **Career Objective:** Specify the kind of position or field of work in which you are interested (hint...I already gave you this information in the assignment description).
3. **Work Experience:** List work experience by jobs in REVERSE chronological order (your most recent job first). Be sure to include your position title. You must include at least THREE (3) previous jobs (One is working for King Hrothgar, one should come from elsewhere in the poem, and one should be created).
4. **Educational Background:** List the colleges you attended and their addresses, again in reverse order. Specify college major and minor, degree earned, and GPA.
5. **Miscellaneous Information:** List, under DEFINED categories, information on academic honors, professional memberships, licenses, certifications, language proficiency, overall skills-choose things that reflect what is important to the Anglo-Saxon people. You must have TWO (2) additional categories.
6. **DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:** a photo of yourself, your sex or age, your political and religious affiliations, or your salary expectations.

-Use ACTION words to help make your work experiences come alive.

-Be consistent in language and format (use the same verb tense and font styles).

-Use a wizard if need be.

-Most companies prefer a brief but complete one or two-page resume and expect it to be EXPERTLY edited. NO MISTAKES ALLOWED!! Use a standard-sized font that allows you to keep your resume to a single page, preferably. A sloppy or untidy resume will suggest that you have little or no interest in the position. Therefore, spend time preparing and proofreading this resume.