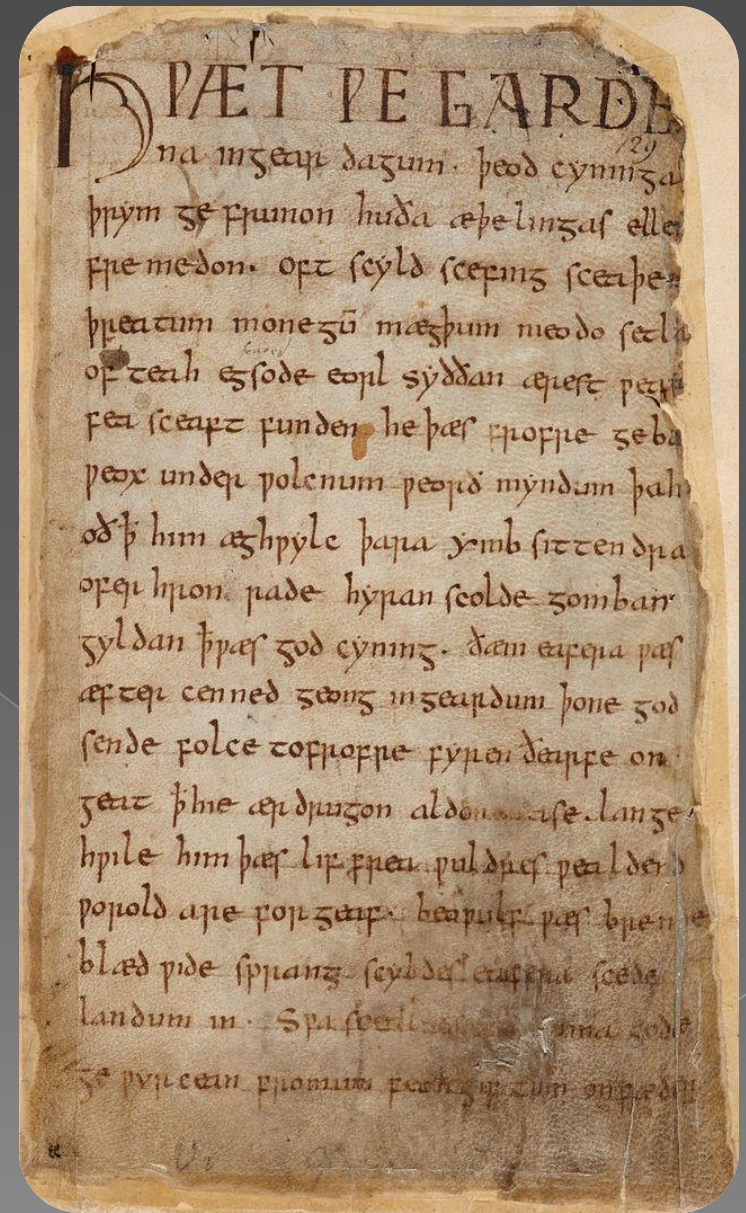


# Beowulf

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**“Beowulf” is the oldest known English epic poem, the foundation-stone of all British poetry. “Beowulf” was composed during the 7<sup>th</sup> or the 8<sup>th</sup> century.**



© The author of the poem drew his story from old pagan legends brought over from the continent. The scene is set among the Geats (the Jutes) who lived on the southern coast of Scandinavia, and their neighbours across the strait, the Danes.



The character of Beowulf is a combination of features of a nephew of the king of Jutes and of various mythical heroes



The theme of the poem is the story of a great leader who saves or tries to save people in danger. Beowulf who is a strong and fearless advocate of freedom and justice, expresses the Anglo- Saxon ideals of personal conduct.



# The characters of villains who are opposed to Beowulf are:



The fire-dragon



Ogre Grendel



And his mother  
(the water-witch)

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© The tone of the poem is dark, melancholy and austere. In simple, direct and majestic verse an exciting story of adventure and heroism is told. Beowulf comes victor of all the battles he has to fight, and his victory over the monsters symbolizes the triumph of Man over powers of darkness, evil and death.

