**Correction Class Test II**

**Analysis of Beowulf- the fight between Beowulf and Grendel (line 738- 827)**

The extract I’m going to analyze is taken from the epic poem Beowulf. Beowulf was composed in the 11th century by an unknown writer. The language is not the original one because it was written in Old-English (Anglo-Saxon), which is a mixture of Germanic dialects.

The extract deals with the fight between Beowulf and the monster Grendel.

It is an epic narration organized into three stanzas, which are organized into couplets. The first stanza is a descriptive part: there is the description of the fight between the lord and the monster. In this part there are a lot of figure of speech and alliterative form, which help the reader to understand the text. Alliteration is the repetition of a particular sound in the prominent lifts (or stressed syllables) of a series of words or phrases.

In line 739 there is a repetition of the sound S “But struck suddenly and started in” which is used to underline all the violent actions.

After that the poet used other alliterative forms of the sound B(in line 741-742) or the sound W(in line 746-747).

In line 749 there is a metaphor because the narrator uses the word “captain of evil” to speak about Grendel. In line 752 there is also a hyperbole: he used “on the face of the earth” because the poet wanted to underline its strength and its uniqueness.

The second stanza continues to describe the fight and how the warriors try to defend Beowulf. Also in this part of the text there are some alliterations and figure of speech. For example the beginning of every lines start with similar letter, like T, S and O, because this three letters produce hard and decided sound so help to underline the violence of this action.

The last stanza is the shortest one and describes how Beowulf’s warriors destroy the monster Grendel. Describes also Beowulf’s feeling “Beowulf was granted/ the glory of winning”

After the analysis I have understand that Beowulf is a valorous warrior and Grendel is the monster. In the end Beowulf wins against the valorous Grendel. The text helps the reader to know more about Anglo-Saxon culture, how they used to fight and how important the war was for them.

I think the perfect reader can be someone interested in their culture and their life and also someone who could understand and analyze epic poetry.