**BEOWULF’S FUNERAL**

Since from the starting quatrain, the narrator suggests the greatness of Beowulf, which is underlined by the huge size of the funeral pyre. The narrator also highlight the strength of Beowulf as a warrior, as he uses the adjectives “heavy” and “shining” to describe the war-shield and the armor that the Geat hang on the pyre. From the semantic point of view, the verbs “stacked” and “decked” are in alliteration. The repetition of the sound “s” seems to invite the reader to the silence, as if he were in front of Beowulf’s dead body. The narrator organizes the text in a chronological way to talk about the funeral. The disposition of the adjectives “far-famed”(line 6) and “beloved”(line 6), evidences that Beowulf’s fame was so great that it exceed the Geat’s love for him. The verses “they kindled the hugest of all funeral fires”(line 7) and “ the blaze roared”(line 9), underline once again the greatness and the strength of Beowulf as a hero and his importance as lord for his people. As for the rest of the poem, also in this text there are references to the religious code, for example, the kenning “bone-house”(line 11), referred to Beowulf’s body, expresses how it was thought the body was the “house” of the soul. In the verses “ the Geat people began to construct a mound on a headland, high and imposing, a marker that sailors could see from far away”(lines 20-21), comes to surface the respect and the love of the Geat for Beowulf and the marker they build is a reference to Beowulf himself, that witch his outstanding abilities was so extraordinary that even far away people knew him. The phrase “in ten days they had done the work” evidences that the marker dimensions are really huge, since the Geat spent ten days to build it. Once and again, through the verse “they buried torques in the barrow, and jewels and a trove”(lines 27-28) the narrator expresses the respect that the Geat feel for Beowulf. The lasts verses, highlight that Beowulf was not only respected by his people, but his importance was so great that even the Chieftains’ sons and champions in battle respected him and mourned for his death.