Anglo-Saxon Period and the Middle Ages Review

1. What is the most famous piece of literature from the Anglo-Saxon Period? What was the first type of literature used during this time period?
2. What were three of the five characteristics of literature from this time period?
3. What is an archetype? Give an example of how it was shown in *Beowulf*.
4. How was Beowulf an epic hero?
5. What were the three parts of *Beowulf*? What caused his downfall?
6. What was the common theme between *The Seafarer*, *The Wife’s Lament*, and *The Wanderer?*
7. Who was one of the first authors who wrote in English? Why didn’t people write in the language of the people normally?
8. What is characterization? How is it shown in *The Canterbury Tales*?
9. What is *The Canterbury Tales*? What does the prologue do for the story?
10. Who is the Pardoner? How does he use his story to further his career?
11. What is ironic about the ending of *The Pardoner’s Tale*?
12. What is a romance? Give an example of one.
13. How is Sir Gawain a superhuman romance hero? How is he weak or flawed? Be specific in your answer.
14. What is an Arthurian romance story based on? How does Le Morte d’ Arthur fit into this genre?
15. What are some supernatural elements that have been included in this unit of literature? How do those fit with the type of literature read during that time period?
16. What is an allegory? How is *Everyman* an allegory?