

# Memo

**To:** Firth's Accelerated British Literature Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Period

**From:** Mary Firth

**Cc:** Pam McKee, La'Monica Tellis, Jason Harper

**Date:** August 29, 2016

**Re:** Mary Firth's repeated absences

Students, I am so sorry to be out again today. My 91-year-old grandmother passed away last Wednesday, and I have gone with my mother to spread her ashes on my grandfather's grave in Rome, Georgia. However, I am leaving you in Ms. McKee's capable hands, and as a retired former Lakeside teacher, she knows the ropes. I will be back tomorrow.

What I would like for you to do this period is this:

**First**, get your vocab words.

<b>Solicitous</b>	Anxious, showing care & concern, fear	Asking a teacher for a favor after you've done something stupid
<b>Garnish</b>	A flourish, an extra trimming, a decoration	The little piece of parsley on your spaghetti plate
<b>Absolution</b>	Forgiveness of sins, wiping the slate clean	What Ms. Firth does after you come to detention
<b>Commission</b>	To give money/authority in order to take on a task	If you hired an artist to paint your portrait

**Second**, hand in your group's *BeeDubya: The Beatdown Continues* analysis pages if you haven't done so already.

**Third**, get a copy of *Beowulf* and read the final section, lines 2211-3182. This is the section covering the last battle, the spoils of the battle, and the final farewell. Ms. McKee will give you the last study guide for *Beowulf*.

Things of which you should be aware:

- Pretty sure you'll have a reading quiz over the last part of *Beowulf* on Wednesday-ish. If you need to catch up on your reading at home, **please do not take** one of my classroom books. There is a link under "links" on our class website to a full pdf of the book online.
- Old English recitation is due a week from Wednesday.
- *Beowulf*/Anglo-Saxon period Unit Exam is a week from Wednesday.
- Your projects (remember them???) are due a week from Thursday.
- You can email me if you have any problems or questions! **Mary\_Firth@dekalbschoolsga.org**