

## ***Beowulf***

### AP Literature

A **kenning** is a Norse poetic device that is based on analogy. It is a compound poetic phrase that illustrates the qualities and characteristics of the thing or person for which it is a substitute.

Sea = whale-road  
Sword = battle-friend

A **proverb** is “a condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.” (Princeton)

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

A drop of honey catches more flies than a hogshead of vinegar.