

Beowulf



Sensory Story by
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Transition Music

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

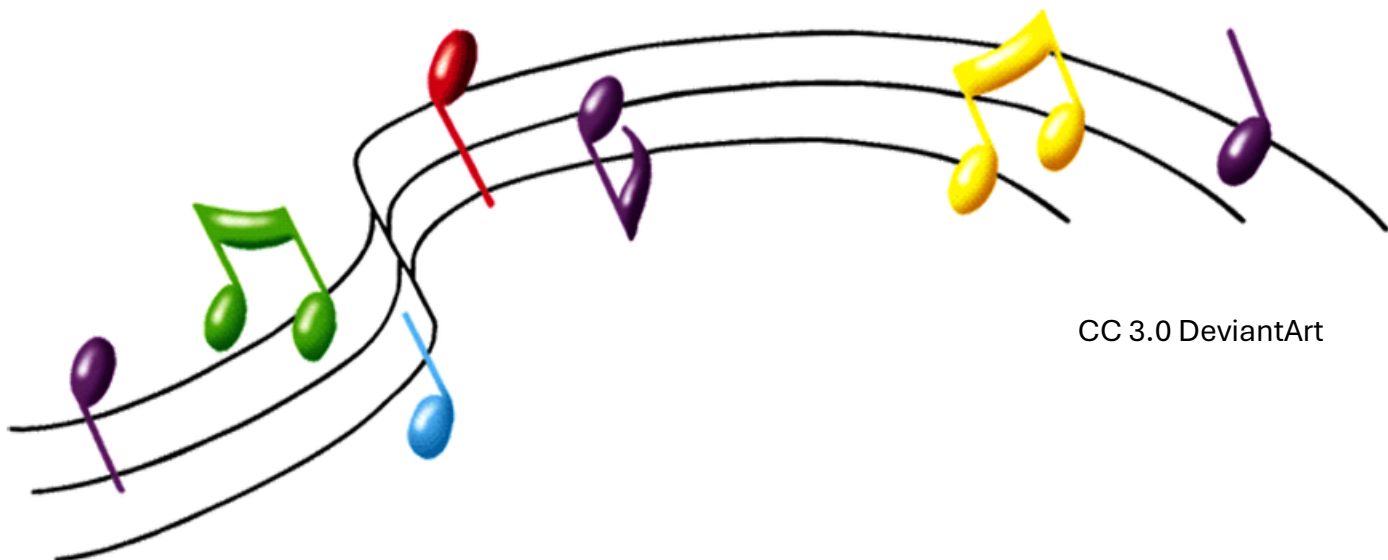
Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

Introductory music:

- Richard Wagner - Ride of the Valkyries
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yU6s5M3WnfQ>

Story ending:

- Vikings - If I Had a Heart
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQSCguXu2V0>



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Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

- Sword
- Helmet
- Crown
- (Plait of hair)
- Green leather
- Monster mask
- Sound switch "roar!"
- Green slime
- Wet strips of green fabric
- Bowl of water
- Swimming goggles
- Dragon / dragon fire
- Bandages
- Musical instruments (drums & rattles)
- Sound switch - Jack Hartman "Being Brave"

It may be a good idea to involve children and young people in making their own wands, monster masks and confetti before starting the story.



Sensory Resources

Toy sword

Helmet

**Plaited hair (wig or hair
accessory)**

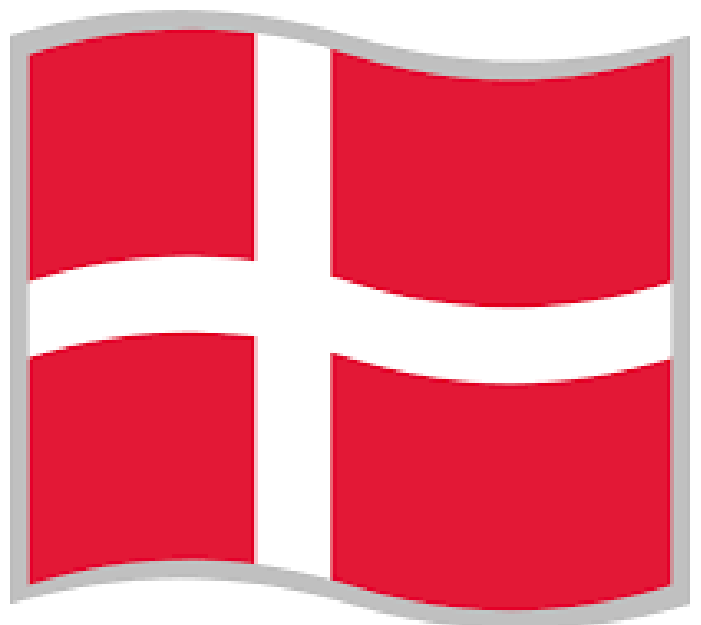
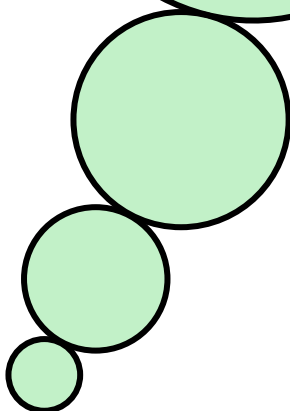


Beowulf was a brave
member of the Geat
tribe. He had a sword
and a helmet.



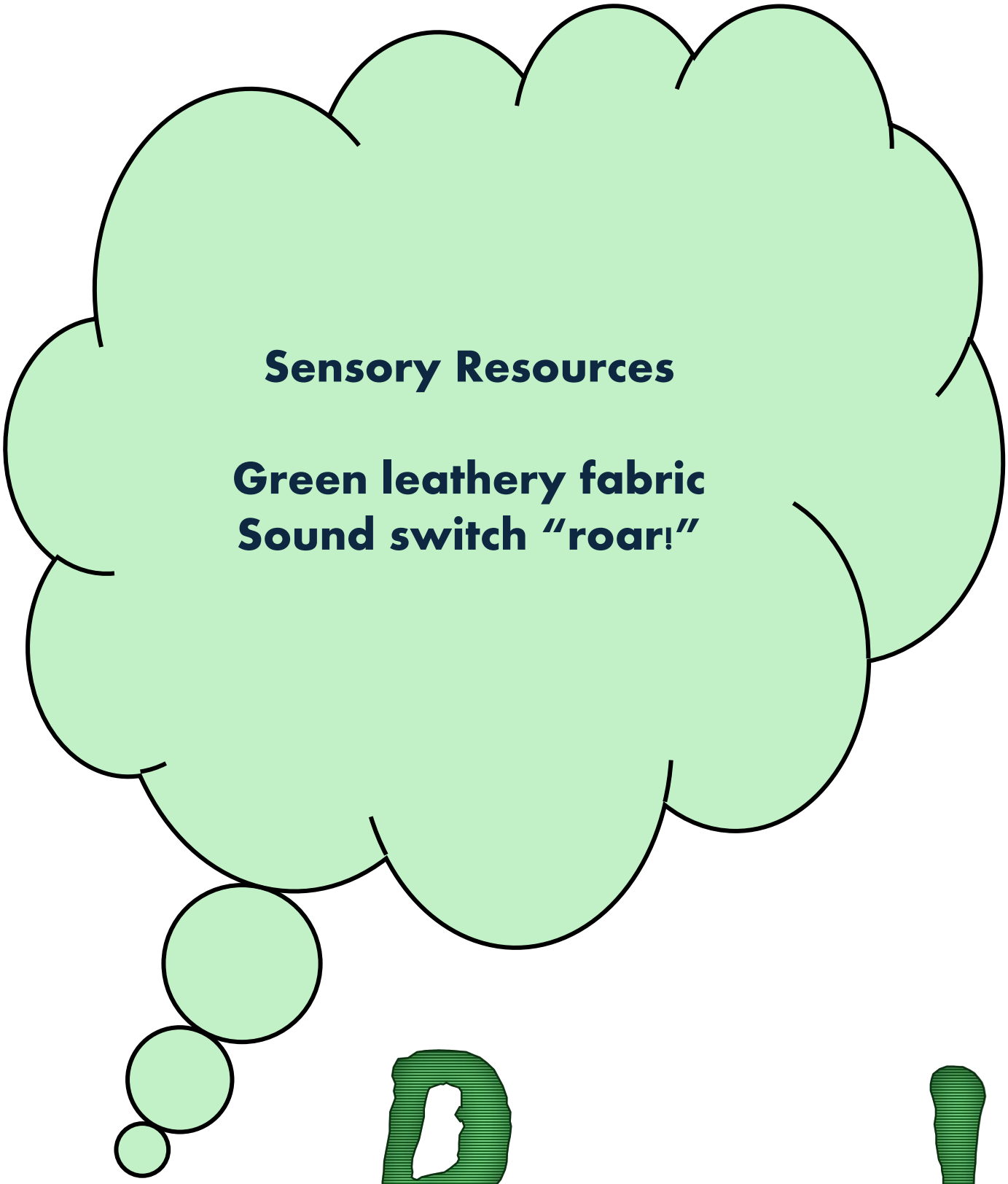
Sensory Resources

Crown
Danish flag waved around



His friend, the King of
the Danes, was in
trouble.





Sensory Resources

Green leathery fabric
Sound switch "roar!"

Roar!

An ugly green troll called
Grendel was attacking
the Danes.



Sensory Resources

**Strips of wet green & blue
fabric**

**Bowls of water for children
to splash hands or feet in**



Beowulf fought the troll
and won. The troll limped
off to the swamp where
he died.



Sensory Resources

**Green wig or
Plaited bunches of green
wool**

**Cold water to make
splashing sounds
Green/blue fabric to cover
children for the lair**



The troll's mother
attacked the Danes then
escaped to her lair at
the bottom of a lake.

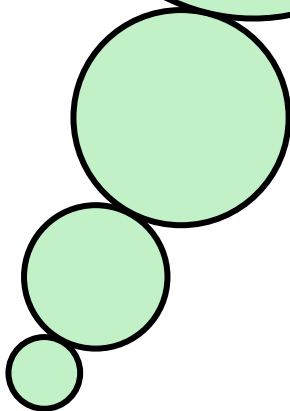


Sensory Resources

Swimming goggles

Water to splash

Toy sword



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Beowulf swam down to
the bottom of the lake
to fight the troll's
mother.

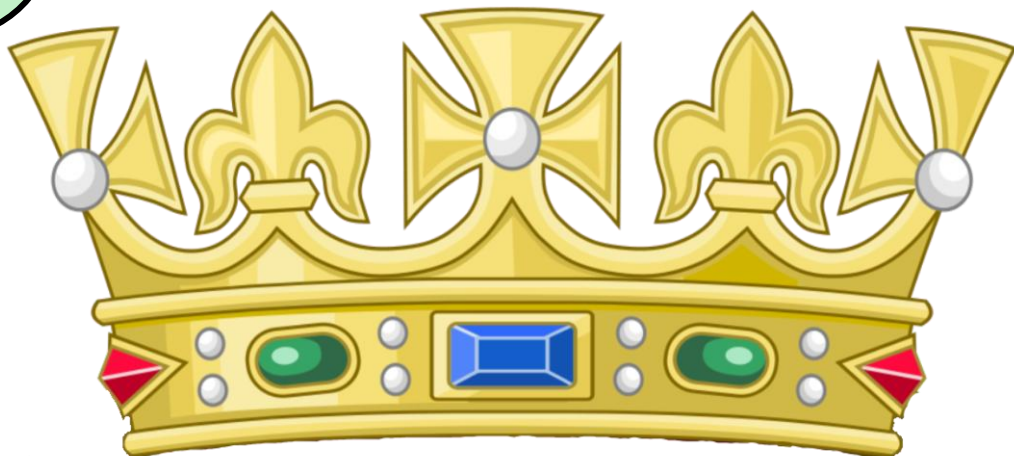


Sensory Resources

Crown

Sound switch – cheering

**Confetti (squares of
coloured tissue paper)**



Beowulf returned home
and was made King.



Sensory Resources

**Toy/puppet dragon
Fire sticks (strips of
red/yellow/orange
tissue/fabric)**

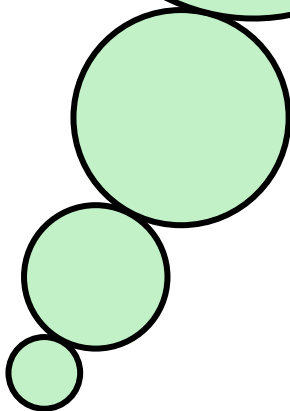


Many years later, a
dragon attacked the land
of the Geats.



Sensory Resources

Bandages
Red slime



Beowulf went to fight the dragon. He killed the dragon but was injured during the battle.

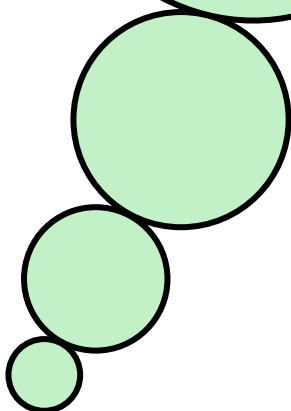


Sensory Resources

Drums

Rattles

**Sound switch with Jack
Hartman "Being Brave"**



When Beowulf died,
people sang songs about
how brave he was.





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