**Beowulf Vocabulary List #1**

1.alacrity (noun) – speed or quickness; eagerness

2.arbitrate (verb) – to judge or decide in the matter so as to reconcile differences

3.ardent (adj.) – displaying strong enthusiasm or devotion; fervent

4.baleful (adj.) – portending evil; ominous

5.balk (verb) – to refuse obstinately and abruptly

6.bereft (adj.) – sorrowful through loss or deprivation

7.bulwark (noun) – a wall or embankment raised as a defensive fortification

8.cache (noun) – a hiding place used especially for storing provisions

9.caroused (verb) – to engage in boisterous, drunken merrymaking

10.contrived (adj.) – obviously planned or calculated; not spontaneous or natural