

Literary Analysis

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EPIC

An **epic** is a long narrative poem that traces the adventures of a great hero. The **hero** has character traits that reflect lofty ideals and remarkable abilities.

Directions: Use the chart shown to record Beowulf’s traits and deeds that demonstrate his heroism. Answer the question that follows.

Traits	Deeds

Is Beowulf a typical epic hero? Why or why not?