

## Puttin' On The Grendel Persona

**Directions:** Put on your Grendel persona, become the character and select **three** of the following autobiographical assignments to write as if you were Grendel.

1. **Personal Alphabet:** Browse through a dictionary, looking for adjectives to describe yourself. Know the meaning of the words you select *and be able to explain how each word you've chosen fits you*. Choose one adjective for each letter of the alphabet. Be sure you choose the adjective form of words. For example, "excite" is a verb and "excitable" is an adjective. "Exciting" is a participle so it can be used as an adjective. **BUT** "excitable" and "exciting" mean very different things.

2. **Likes / Dislikes List:** Make two columns, one titled "Likes," the other "Dislikes," and list from ten to fifteen specific items in each column. Avoid naming specific classmates and teachers by generalizing. For example, "that mean teacher who's making me write an autobiography," not my name!

3. **The Perfect Present:** Since I am the perfect teacher, I have the ability to select the perfect present for each of you. It's something you've always wanted, something you've secretly yearned for. It's not a black Trans-Am or designer jeans because there's a catch -- the gift is intangible, or abstract. This means that you cannot perceive it with the five senses. For example, you might want patience, self-confidence, intuition. Tell me what the gift is, why it's the perfect gift, why you need it, and how it will affect your life.

4. **Personal Metaphors:** Make a list of metaphorical comparisons. Think, "If I were an animal, what kind of animal would I be?" For each item, write the general label and then your specific comparison. Be realistic, be somewhat honest, and be able to explain your choices. Don't say you are a rose, if you're really a daisy. *Explain your Grendel choices in a few sentences each.*

1. Animal
2. Car
3. Article of Clothing
4. Natural Phenomenon
5. Food
6. Color
7. Season of the Year
8. Fragrance
9. Type of Building
10. Word

5. **Unfinished Sentences:** Complete each of the following sentences by expanding them into short paragraphs. As always, be specific.

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| 1. I usually worry about... | 6. I feel frustrated when...   |
| 2. I feel angry when...     | 7. I feel depressed when...    |
| 3. I'm moody when...        | 8. I am comfortable when...    |
| 4. I'm happiest when...     | 9. I feel nervous when...      |
| 5. I feel confident when... | 10. I feel sentimental when... |