Read the following passage from the ***epic*** *Beowulf* in which **Beowulf and Grendel** are ***fighting***. Grendel is ***screaming*** and wishing to ***escape***, but Beowulf has grabbed Grendel's arm and is using his ***strength*** to hold on to him. After reading closely, use the 4 square guide and form an analytical paragraph in which you ***explain*** how the author ***shows*** Beowulf as a hero through his battle against Grendel.

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| 365 That mighty protector of men (***Beowulf***) |
|  Meant to hold the monster (***Grendel***) till its life |
|  Leaped out (***died***), knowing the ***demon*** was no use |
|  To anyone in Denmark. All of Beowulf's |
|  Band (***army***) had jumped from their beds, ancestral (***old***)  |
| 370 Swords raised and ready, determined |
|  To protect their prince (***Beowulf***) if they could. Their courage |
|  Was great but all wasted: they could hack (***hit with swords***) at Grendel |
|  From every side, trying to open |
|  A path for his evil soul (***kill***), but their points (***swords***) |
| 375 Could not hurt him, the sharpest and hardest iron |
|  Could not scratch at his skin, for that sin-stained (***evil***) demon |
|  Had bewitched (***cast a spell***) all men's weapons, laid spells |
|  That **blunted** every mortal man's blade. |
|  And yet his time had come, his days |
| 380 Were over**, his (*Grendel*) death near**; down |
|  To hell he would go, swept groaning and helpless |
|  To the waiting hands of still worse fiends. |
|  Now he discovered - once the afflictor (***Grendel***) |
|  Of men, tormentor of their days - what it meant |
| 385 To ***fight*** with Almighty God: Grendel |
|  Saw that his strength was deserting (***leaving***) him, his claws |
|  Bound fast, ***Beowulf*** tearing at |
|  His hands. The monster's hatred rose higher, |
|  But his power had gone. He twisted in pain, |
| 390 And the bleeding sinews (***muscles***) deep in his shoulder |
|  **Snapped, muscle and bone split** |
|  **And broke.** |