

# Poetry



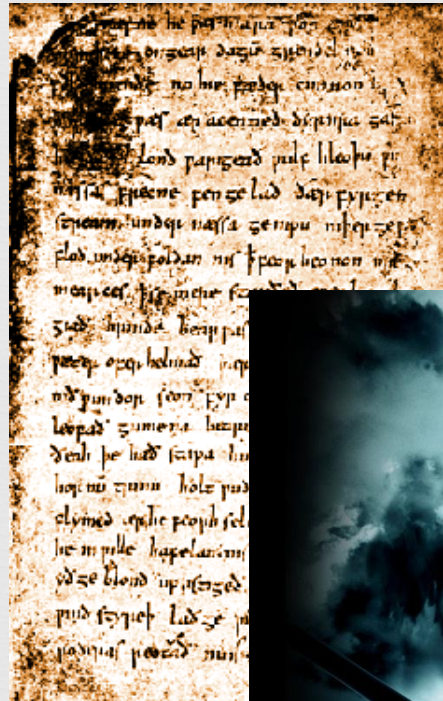
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# What is Poetry?



❧ Poetry is...

❧ Literary work in which special intensity is given to the expression of feelings and ideas by the use of distinctive style and rhythm of words



Beowulf - 8<sup>th</sup> Century  
(Epic Poem)





# Main Poetic Forms



❧ There are many different types of poetry

❧ Some of the main poetic forms are:

❧ Epic

❧ Free Verse

❧ Haiku

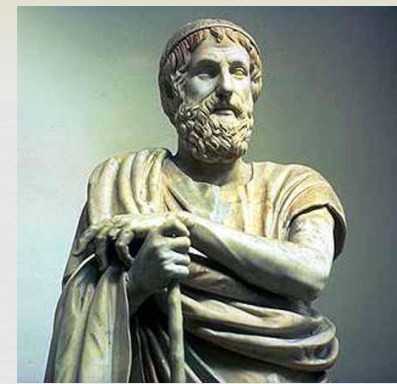
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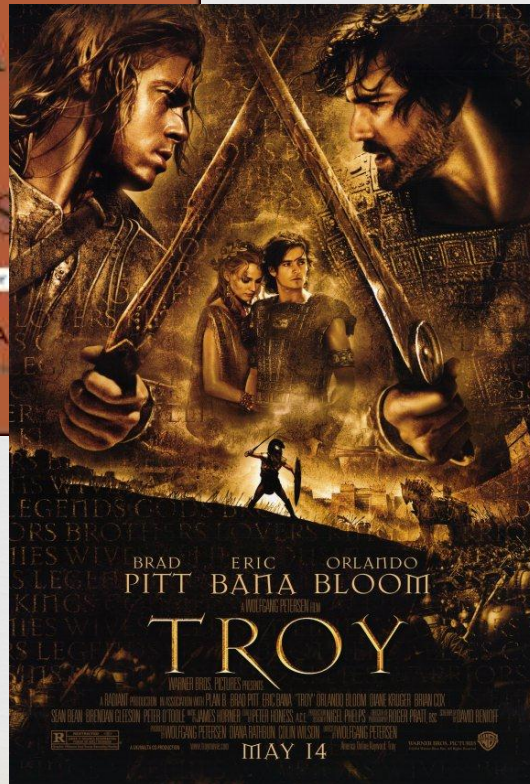
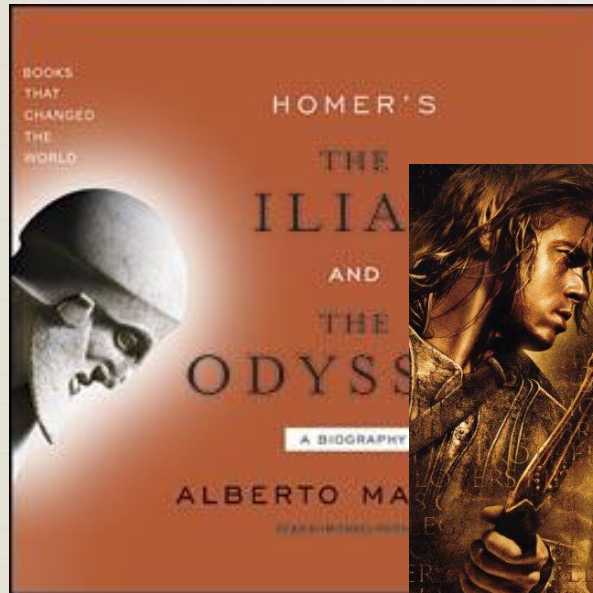
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# EPIC POETRY



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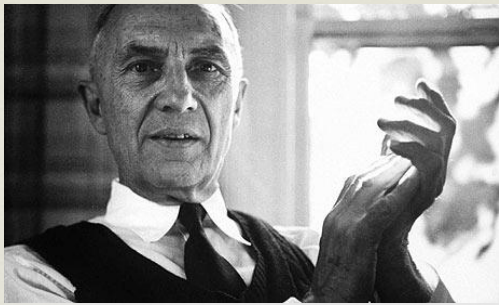


❧ Epic Poems are:

- ❧ Long narrative poems celebrating the adventures and achievements of a hero
- ❧ Epics deal with the traditions, mythical or historical, of a nation.

❧ Examples:

- ❧ Homer's *The Iliad* & *The Odyssey*



William Carlos Williams

# Free Verse Poetry



## ❧ Free Verse is...

- ❧ An irregular form of poetry in which the content is free of fixed meter or rhyme.
- ❧ The poet's main consideration is where to insert line breaks.
- ❧ Some ways of doing this include breaking the line where there is a natural pause or at a point of suspense for the reader.

## ❧ The Red Wheelbarrow By William Carlos Williams

so much depends  
upon a red wheel  
barrow

glazed with rain  
water

beside the white  
chickens.



# Haiku Poetry



Matsuo Basho

❧ Haiku is...

- ❧ An unrhymed Japanese verse
- ❧ Consists of three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables (5, 7, 5) or 17 syllables in all.

❧ Example:

- ❧ Most famous Haiku of all-time

水 かわ  
の ず 古  
音 飛 池  
び や  
こ  
む



## Frog Haiku

The old pond;  
A frog jumps in —  
The sound of the  
water.



Edward Lear

# Limerick Poetry



## *Ground Beef Limerick*

- 1) Twas a crazy old man  
called O'Keef
- 2) Who caused local farmers  
much grief
- 3) To their cows he would run
- 4) Cut their legs off for fun
- 5) And say "Look, I've  
invented ground beef!"

❧ A Limerick is...

❧ a rhymed humorous or nonsense poem of five lines (AABBA) which originated in Limerick, Ireland

❧ Are usually obscene and began in pubs/bars

❧ Popularized by Edward Lear

❧ Cleaned them up a bit

# Palindrome Poetry



—œ—  
œ A palindrome is...

- œ a word, phrase, verse, sentence, or even poem that reads the same forward or backward.
- œ Also known as Mirror poetry

Are we not drawn onward, we **f**ew,  
drawn onward to new era?

"The Lost Generation" Palindrome Video



# “The Lost Generation” Palindrome Video



William  
Shakespeare



# Sonnet Poetry



❧ A Sonnet is...

- ❧ A poem consisting of 14 lines in iambic pentameter with a particular rhyming scheme
- ❧ A Shakespearean (English) sonnet has three quatrains and a couplet, and rhymes **abab cdcd efef gg**
- ❧ *Iambic Pentameter* is when a line of poetry has 5 sets of stressed and unstressed syllables

*Example:*

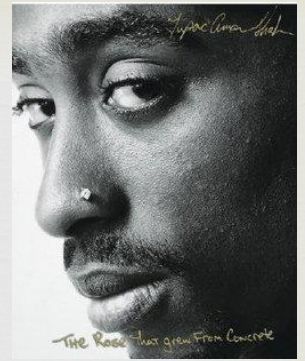
if YOU | would PUT | the KEY | inSIDE |  
the LOCK  
da DUM | da DUM | da DUM | da DUM |  
da DUM

## Sonnet 32

*If thou survive my well-contented day,  
When that churl Death my bones with dust shall  
cover  
And shalt by fortune once more re-survey  
These poor rude lines of thy deceased lover,  
Compare them with the bett'ring of the time,  
And though they be outstripped by every pen,  
Reserve them for my love, not for their rhyme,  
Exceeded by the height of happier men.  
O! then vouchsafe me but this loving thought:  
'Had my friend's Muse grown with this growing  
age,  
A dearer birth than this his love had brought,  
To march in ranks of better equipage:  
But since he died and poets better prove,  
Theirs for their style I'll read, his for his love'.*



# Modern Poets



Maya Angelou

## Still I Rise

You may shoot me with  
your words,  
You may cut me with your  
eyes,  
You may kill me with your  
hatefulness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise.



Tupac Shakur

## The Rose that Grew from Concrete

Did you hear about the rose that  
grew  
from a crack in the concrete?  
Proving nature's law is wrong it  
learned to walk with out having feet.  
Funny it seems, but by keeping it's  
dreams,  
it learned to breathe fresh air.  
Long live the rose that grew from  
concrete  
when no one else ever cared.



# Acrostic Poetry



On a Blank White Sheet of Paper

1. Write the letters of your name down the LEFT side
2. Describe yourself or something you do with a word or phrase on EACH line
3. The FIRST and LAST lines must rhyme

# LOPEZ

L Love to teach and

O Open students' eyes to their

P Potential and

E Empower them with a

Z Zest for going for their dreams, no  
matter where they land