

Agenda:

Focus: plot lines of
The Odyssey and
understanding the
language

Ithaka - poem/journal response

Invocation to The Odyssey

Introduction to Book 1 of The Odyssey

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Homework: read and annotate Book 1; write your own
"invocation" poem.

literary Terms

Epic → long, narrative poem about important events in the history or folklore of a nation or culture

We can learn about an ancient society through the literature that shows what it values!

Epic hero → larger-than-life central character in an epic; through adventurous deeds, the epic hero demonstrates traits that are valued by the society in which the epic originates

What Epic Movie Do You Know?

- Harry Potter (series)
- Lord of the Rings Trilogy
- Your own example!

- Remember, it does not have to be about mythology to be epic!

in medias res → “in the middle of things”; many epics begin this way, meaning that much of the important action in the story occurred before the point at which the poem begins

Therefore, the epic hero’s adventures are often recounted in a...

flashback → a scene that interrupts the sequence of events in a narrative to relate earlier events

What is an epithet?

brief, descriptive phrase used to
characterize a person or thing

Harry Potter, scarred youth,

