

What Is a Concordance?

- An index of all occurrences of each important word in a text
- A tool for examination of language use
- Historically quite laborious
 - Fr. Busa took 34 years to create the Index Thomisticus
 - (And that was with early computing!)
 - Open Source Shakespeare took only a few years

What Is a Female Epic?

- A text, poetry or prose, that:
 - Was written by or attributed to a female author
 - Explores epic themes
 - Heroism, nation building, religious authority, and a quest motif