

ENG-2205 Assignment 2

Epic and ancient epic

1. Use the dictionaries uploaded in folder "Dictionaries of Literary Terms" to answer the question: What is an epic in general and what is an ancient epic in particular?

The epic of *Gilgamesh*

1. What civilization did the epic of *Gilgamesh* belong to?
2. What was the language and written characters used to write *Gilgamesh*?
3. Who is the protagonist (main character) of *Gilgamesh*? Who is his companion? Summarize *Gilgamesh* in 100 words.

The Hebrew Bible

1. Read "Genesis" 1-4 [*From Creation to the Murder of Abel*] and write down things God created in order from the beginning to the end.
2. Who are the killer and the killed in the story of "The Murder of Abel"? What was the punishment God did on the killer?

Homer. *The Iliad*. *The Odyssey*

1. Who was Homer? Finish the readings about Homer and do some research on the "question of Homer". How many "Homer(s)" do you think? Why?
2. Whom does Achilles conflict with? Why?
3. Who is Apollo? Who is Zeus? Who is Hera? Write the adjectives/phrases the author uses when he mentions the name Apollo, Achilles Zeus, and Hera in book 1 ("The Wrath of Achilles").
4. What is the name of Achilles's mother? What advice does she give to him?
5. Summary the *Odyssey* in a paragraph of about 50 words.