**Characteristics of Epic Poetry Example**

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| The narrator begins “in medias res”  Define **in medias res**: |  |
| The epic begins with an invocation  Define **invocation:** |  |
| The poem is told using poetic language including epic similes  Define **epic simile**:  (provide at least two examples) |  |
| The values of the society in which the epic is set are revealed through the actions of the hero and other character. |  |
| The narrator includes speeches by principal characters that reveal their personalities.  (provide at least two examples) |  |
| The epic hero is not perfect and makes mistakes that harm themselves and others  (provide at least two examples) |  |
| The poem is told using poetic language including vivid imagery  Define **imagery**:  (provide at least two examples) |  |
| There are instances of irony throughout the epic that create suspense for the reader.  **Define verbal irony:**  **Define dramatic irony:**  **Define situation irony:** |  |