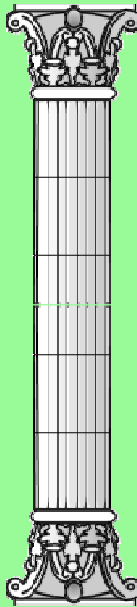




THE EPIC



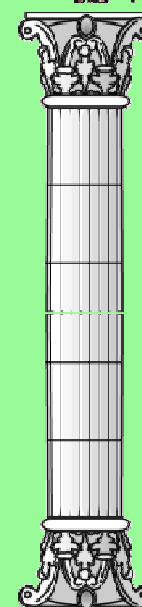
NARRATIVE POEM: poem that tells a story

EPIC: A long narrative poem that contains:

- *Adventure
- *A central heroic figure
- *Setting is vast (covers many locations)
- *Supernatural forces (such as the gods)
- *Style is descriptive & serious
 - ~epic similes
 - ~long, formal speeches by characters

EPIC SIMILE: an elaborate comparison that may extend for several lines

- * Uses the words *like, as, just as, or so* to make the comparison



Example:

(Odysseus describes the monster, Scylla)

*"A man surfcasting on a point of rock
for bass or mackerel, whipping his long rod
to drop the sinker and the bait far out,
will hook a fish and rip it from the surface
to dangle wriggling through the air:*

*so these
were born alfof in spasms towards the cliff."*



EPIC HERO: main character of an epic poem (Odysseus)

- *Physically strong
- *Intelligent
- *Larger than life character
- *Represents what an ideal person should be

