

Study Guide for Semester One Final: English 9

The Epic of Gilgamesh

The approximate dates of composition

The country and culture of origin

The characteristic of an epic poem

The characteristic of an epic hero

Be able to identify the main characters of Gilgamesh and the role they play within the plot of the story.

Be able to explain the following:

- the importance of friendship as a life changing force
- the civilizing effect of women over men
- the difference in views on the afterlife between modern Christianity and ancient Sumerian beliefs
- how Gilgamesh develops as a leader from the beginning to the end of the story
- how the Sumerian notion of divine involvement differs from our modern Christian perspective

Literary Devices in the Epic of Gilgamesh

- Dramatic Irony
- Imagery
- Point of View (1st, 2nd, 3rd omniscient, 3rd limited, 3rd objective)
- Simile and metaphor
- Personification
- Foreshadowing

The Odyssey

Basic biographical details about the life of Homer (approximate dates of his life, country of origin, other notable works, etc.)

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Be able to identify the main characters of the Odyssey and the role they play within the plot of the story

Identify the three major sections of the Odyssey and explain their significance

What does the Odyssey have to say about what it means to become a man (through the character of Telemachus)

What does the Odyssey have to say about how to be a good wife (through the character of Penelope)

How did the Greek notion of divine involvement differ from our modern Christian perspective

Character Types (protagonist, antagonist, round, flat, dynamic, static, foil)

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Xenia

How the ancient Greek concept of justice differs from our modern American perspective.

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Vocabulary

All vocabulary can be found on the class's page on vocabulary.com. I will pull a few terms from the following lists

- Gilgamesh Lists #1-2
- The Odyssey Lists #1-6

Know their definition and how to use them in a sentence.

- margins
- page number
- heading
- titles
- parenthetical citation

Writing

You will be responsible for knowing the following info-

- standard structure for a Jane Schaffer 5 paragraph essay
 - The Introductory Paragraph
(broad to specific, includes brief overviews of the text, ends with a thesis statement that directly responds to the prompt)
 - Body Paragraphs
 - Topic Sentence
 - Concrete Detail
 - Commentary
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 - Concrete Detail
 - Commentary
 - Commentary
 - Concluding Sentence
 - Concluding Paragraph (restates the thesis in new words, restates main observations, connects the topic to life, specific to broad)
- MLA format
 - font
 - size
 - spacing