

What Is an Epic Poem?

An epic poem is

- usually long, made up of several chapters, books, or episode.
- narrative—it tells a story.
- about the deeds and adventures of a hero.
- told in formal, elevated language.

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