

Epic Story Analysis Checklist

What details make the epic entertaining for listeners (or readers).

What details in the story are included to catch listeners' attention? How does the tale keep them listening?

What makes the characters in the epic strong and interesting?

What descriptive words does the epic use to make the personalities of the characters stand out?

What makes the setting appropriate for an epic?

What words and phrases in the epic help build the location? How is the setting important to the story?

How is the underlying code of behavior communicated in the epic?

What is the underlying lesson of the epic? Is there more than one? How is the lesson taught to characters in the story and/or to listeners (or readers)?

How does the epic connect to the history of a place or people?

What aspects of the epic connect it to a particular location or a specific group of people? How do the connections strengthen the story?