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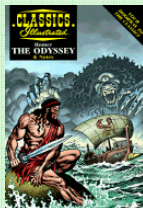
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The Odyssey: A DVD Study Guide

This Rocketbook study guide is a downloadable movie accessible through our MyLibraryDV service. A computer with a high-speed internet connection that meets certain software requirements is needed.

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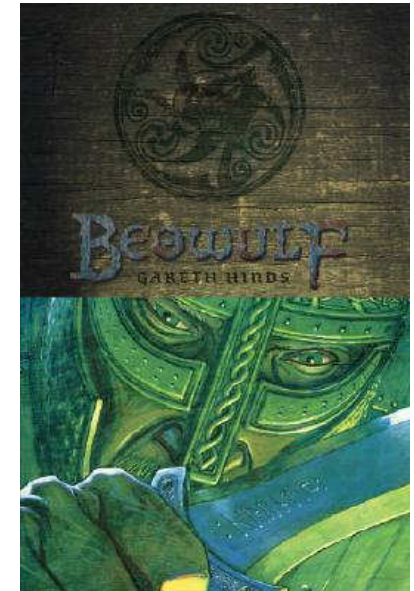
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[The Epic Of Gilgamesh- c. 2000 B.C.](#)

Epic poem written originally in the Sumerian language and recorded with cuneiform characters on clay tablets. Tells the story of an oppressive king and his friend Enkidu, who is his mirror image. Together they challenge the gods in various ways until Enkidu is killed. Horrified, Gilgamesh goes in search of immortality. *The Epic of Gilgamesh* is the earliest known literary work.

Gilgamesh: A New English Version

by Stephen Mitchell CD BOOK MITC

Gilgamesh: Man's First Story by Bernarda Bryson
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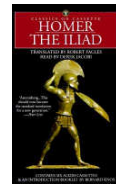
Gilgamesh the King retold by Ludmila Zeman
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The Revenge of Ishtar retold by Ludmila Zeman
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[The Iliad and The Odyssey by Homer- 8th cent. B.C.](#)

The Iliad recounts various episodes surrounding the Greek siege of the city of Troy (c. 1250 B.C.), including the quarrel between the Greek leader Agamemnon and the hero Achilles and Achilles's killing of the Trojan hero Hector. *The Odyssey* tells the story of the Greek hero Odysseus's years of adventure on his return home to his wife Penelope after the Trojan War. It includes episodes such as his visit to the Underworld and his confrontations with characters like the one-eyed Cyclops and the sorceress Circe.



The Iliad translated by Robert Fagles
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The Iliad of Homer retold by Barbara Leonie Picard FIC HOME

The Iliad of Homer by Alfred T. Church
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The Odyssey of Homer by Alfred J. Church J 883 CHUR

The Odyssey of Homer (Modern Library Edition)
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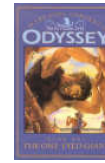
The Odyssey: Selected Adventures
adapted by Diana Stewart J STEW

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The Odyssey by Homer CAS A HOME

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1. *One Eyed Giant*
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3. *Sirens and Sea Monsters*
4. *The Gray-eyed Goddess*
5. *Return to Ithaca*
6. *The Final Battle*



The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy by Padraic Colum J 292.1 COLU
The Complete Works of Homer: The Iliad and the Odyssey 883.1 HOME

Greeks Bearing Gifts: The Epics of Achilles and Ulysses
by Bernard Evslin 883.01 EVSK

[Argonautica by Apollonius of Rhodes- 3rd cent. B.C.](#)

Well-known version of Jason and the Argonauts' quest for the Golden Fleece and Jason's doomed love affair with Medea.

The 1912 R.C. Seaton translation is available at
www.fullbooks.com.

[Aeneid by Virgil- c. 19 B.C.](#)

Latin epic that tells the story of Aeneas, who travels to Italy following his defeat in the Trojan War and is associated with the founding of Rome.

The Aeneid CD BOOK VIRG

The Aeneid of Virgil verse translation
by Rolfe Humphries 873 VIRG

The Aeneid for Boys and Girls by A.J. Church
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[Metamorphoses by Ovid- c. 5 A.D.](#)

Fifteen-book poem that describes the creation and history of the world. Features numerous Roman gods and tends to center around love-related themes.

The classic translation by John Dryden and others is available from MIT's **Internet Classics Archive** at classics.mit.edu/index.html.

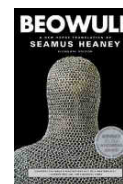
[Beowulf- between 521 and 1026 A.D.](#)

Old English epic poem of anonymous authorship. Beowulf battles Grendel and then fights Grendel's mother before returning to his home in Geatland (in modern Sweden) and becoming a king.

Beowulf translated by
Frances B. Gummere CAS BEOU

Beowulf: An Imitative Translation
by Ruth P.M. Lehman 829 BEOU

Beowulf: A New Verse Translation
by Seamus Heaney 829 BEOU



[The Song of Roland- between 1140 and 1170 A.D.](#)

The oldest major work of French literature. Epic poem recounts a battle in 778 A.D. in which the rearguard of Charlemagne's retreating Franks was attacked.

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[The Poem of the Cid- 1142 A.D.](#)

Spanish epic that tells the true story of Castilian nobleman Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar, who was called El Cid. El Cid married the cousin of King Alfonso VI, but later fell into disfavor and had to regain his honor by battling the Moors and eventually conquering Valencia. Also called *The Song of the Cid*, *The Lay of the Cid*, or simply *El Cid*.

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[Nibelungenlied- between 1180 and 1210 A.D.](#)

A German epic poem that tells the story of a dragon slayer, his murder, and his widow's subsequent revenge.

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The Compact Ring by Richard Wagner Music CD
Abridged version of Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, a cycle of four operas. The final opera is based on the epic poem.

[Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri- between 1308 and 1321 A.D.](#)

"The" epic poem of Italian literature. Tells of Dante's journey through the three realms of the dead—*Inferno* (Hell), *Purgatorio* (Purgatory), and *Paradiso* (Paradise).

Columbia's Institute for Learning Technologies offers the digital text of both the Henry Wordsworth Longfellow and Allen Mandelbaum English translations—as well as Dante's original Italian. To read and compare, go to dante.ilt.columbia.edu/comedy.

[Prince Arthur and King Arthur by Richard Blackmore- 1695 and 1697 A.D.](#)

Both poems, along with several other writings of Arthurian legend, are available from The Camelot Project at the University of Rochester. Just go to www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/cphome.stm.

[Don Juan by Lord Byron- 1824 A.D.](#)

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