

Note Taking

THE EPIC

Fill in the blanks to make complete sentences that will help you remember epic conventions:

1. An **epic** is _____. Epics were often based on _____.
2. Two examples of repeated elements in oral poetry are _____ and _____.
3. **Stock epithets** are _____. An example of a stock epithet is _____.
4. A **kenning** is _____. An example of a kenning is _____.
5. An **epic hero** has the following qualities:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
6. These are elements shared by most epics. Write a definition for each term.

The **setting** _____

The **plot** _____

The **dialogue** _____

The **theme** _____

The **style** _____

UNIT INTRODUCTION

Copyright © Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt