

A poem which tells a story. Usually a long poem, sometimes even book length, the narrative may take the form of a plotless dialogue as in Robert Frost's "The Death of the Hired Man." In other instances the narrative may consist of a series of incidents, as in Homer's "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," John Milton's "Paradise Lost."

A Narrative poem:

- 1. tells a story**
- 2. is longer than the usual poem**
- 3. has one or more characters**
- 4. has a setting, conflict, and a series of events that lead to a climax and conclusion**
- 5. lines that are divided into stanzas**