

HOMER



Homer was a blind poet from Ionia, Asia Minor. He is the 'legendary' author of the two world-wide known epic poems: "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey".

The poems are written in in Homeric or Epic Greek, that is a mixture of the Ionic and Aeolic dialects (ancient Greek dialects, from different centuries).

These two epic poems influenced Western civilization and inspired many famous works of literature, music and art. Many films also are based on the stories of the Iliad and Odyssey.

A characteristic feature of Homer's poems is that they have beginning, middle and end, and they manage to keep the audience's interest until the end.

QUIZ

1. What was the trick Odysseus thought of in order to invade Troy?
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2. What is Homer's epic poem "The Odyssey" about? (2 p)
3. What is the "Homeric Question"? (3 p)

