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# THE GREAT EPICS OF THE WORLD

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Read the clues and write the names of these great world epics.

1. This ancient epic deals with the rivalry between cousins-Kauravas and Pandavas - of a great ruling family of India. The epic consists of thousands of mythical and historical stories. Mahabharata
2. It is one of the most celebrated and well known epics of the world. It narrates the story of the great struggle to rescue Helen from Trojans, the wrath of Achilles and subsequent destruction of Troy. Iliad
3. It is a famous epic full of supernatural, allegorical and romantic adventures. The main theme of the epic is the war between Christians and Pagans. Orlando Furioso
4. It is the oldest and most popular epic of Indian sub-continent, believed to be written by Valmiki. It is written in Sanskrit and has around 2400 couplets in seven sections. Ramayana
5. It is a celebrated epic poem written by Dante in 14th century. The narrator is lost in a forest. The poet narrator meets Virgil who guides him through the world after death. Divine Comedy
6. It is one of the greatest English literary epics based on the theme of fall of man given in the Old Testament. The epic poem begins with the Satan's devilish plans to take revenge against God for his expulsion from heaven. Paradise Lost
7. The great Persian epic based on the historical and mythical accounts of around fifty Persian kings. The epic begins the mythical creation of Persia and ends in the narration of stories of historical kings. Shah Nameh



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Mahabharata 1

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Paradise Lost 6

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