epic Apresyan (En-Ru) **1.** ['epik] *n* 1. 1) эпическая поэма; эпопея

national epic - национальный эпос

2) героические, легендарные события; эпопея

the defence of the city was a great epic - оборона города вошла в историю

2. амер. фильм на историческую или библейскую тему; пышный постановочный фильм, киноэпопея

2. ['epik] a

1. эпический

epic poetry - эпическая поэзия

Epic dialect - лит. эпический диалект (язык поэм Гомера)

- 2. 1) героический
- 2) легендарный

# epic

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epic [epic epics] noun, adjective BrE ['epik] \*\* NAmE ['epik] \*\* noun

1. countable, uncountable a long poem about the actions of great men and women or about a nation's history; this style of poetry

- · one of the great Hindu epics
- the creative genius of Greek epic

compare †lyric

- 2. countable a long film/movie or book that contains a lot of action, usually about a historical subject
- 3. countable (sometimes humorous) a long and difficult job or activity that you think people should admire
  - Their four-hour match on Centre Court was an epic.

### Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (as an adjective): via Latin from Greek epikos, from epos 'word, song', related to eipein 'say'.

## adjective usually before noun

- 1. having the features of an †epic
  - an epic poem

compare flyric

- 2. taking place over a long period of time and involving alot of difficulties
  - · an epic journey/struggle
- 3. very great and impressive
- a tragedy of epic proportions

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epic AmE \* I. ep ic<sup>1</sup> /'epik/ BrE i noun [countable]

a book, poem, or film that tells a long story about brave actions and exciting events:

a Hollywood epic

### **THESAURUS**

- story a description of how something happened that is intended to entertain people, and may be true or imaginary: a ghost story a love story I It's a story about a man who loses his memory. I a book of short stories
- tale a story about strange imaginary events, or exciting events that happened in the past: a fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen | I loved hearing tales of his travels.
- myth noun [uncountable and countable] a very old imaginary story about gods and magical creatures: an ancient myth | Greek and Roman myths
- legend noun [uncountable and countable] an old story about brave people or magical events that are probably not true: popular legends of the creation of the world | According to legend, King Arthur was buried there.
- fable a traditional imaginary short story that teaches a moral lesson, especially a story about animals: the fable of the tortoise and the hare I a Chinese fable
- epic a story told in a long book, film, or poem which is about great or exciting events, especially in history: an epic about 13th-century Scottish hero William Wallace
- saga a story about a series of events that take place over a long period of time, especially events involvingone family: a family saga beginning in the 1880s
- yarn informal a long exciting story that is not completely true: The movie's a rattling good yarn and full of action.
- II. epic<sup>2</sup> BrE AmE adjective

[Date: 1500-1600, Language: Latin; Origin: epicus, from Greek epikos, from epos 'word, speech, poem']

- 1. an epic book, poem, or film tells a long story about brave actions and exciting events:
  - an epic tale of mutiny on the high seas
- 2. an epic event continues for a long time and involves brave or exciting actions:

his epic journey to South America

# 3. very large and impressive:

He had produced a meal of epic proportions.

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