

## Core D Comp & Lit | *The Epic of Gilgamesh* Annotation Guide

### Themes

- The Search for Eternal Life
- Friendship
- Nature vs. Civilization

### Sumerian Worldview

- Mark key gods/goddesses (Anu, Ishtar, Enlil, Aruru,...)
- Note their purpose and character

### Key Characters (note their attributes)

- Gilgamesh
- Enkidu
- Humbaba
- Utnapishtim
- Etc.

### Epic Elements

- Legendary Hero
- Supernatural Strength
- **Quest/Journey** of Hero's Self-Discovery
- Moral Code/ Political Ideas of the Time
- Vast Setting
- Omniscient Narrator
- Supernatural Forces

### Similarities to Scripture

- The Fall
- The Flood
- "Meaninglessness"
- Friendship