

Aristotle: Father of Romanticism
Aristotle's Poetics
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Course outline:

1. Introduction to poetry; classification of the kinds of poetry
- 2–3. Classification of the kinds of poetry continued
- 4–5. Origins and development of tragedy, comedy and epic
6. Definitions of tragedy; the attributes of tragedy
- 7–11. Plot
12. The parts of tragedy
- 13–14. Plot in tragedy
15. Character in tragedy
- 16–18. More on tragedy, with an emphasis on plot
19. Reasoning in tragedy
- 20–22. Diction in tragedy
- 23–25. Epic
26. A comparison of epic and tragedy

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