

Unit 21 - Greek Oral Tradition

Lesson 4 - Meter

You could plan this class with the music teacher to talk about measures and beats.

Discuss

- Meter is the pattern of the rhythm of poetry.
- The meter of the Odyssey is dactylic hexameter.
- Derivation of hexameter = six measures
- Measures are also called feet in poetry.
- A dactyl is either a long beat followed by two shorts, or two long beats in one measure.
- Practice clapping these rhythms. Use p. 156.

Activity

- In the workbook pp.157-160 there is a passage of the Odyssey written in Greek.
- Give one line to each student to transliterate.
- Ask each student to find his line and to copy the meter and feet divisions above his transliterated line.
- Go around to each student to help him say his line in Greek in meter.
- After practice they can say their lines one after the other in order to recite the whole passage, and they can perform this for the school.

Homework
pages 157-160

Terms
meter
dactylic hexameter