**Greek “Epic”**

**Due April 20**

Using the text book and your knowledge of ancient Greece, write an “epic” of 3 quatrains about either 1) a tragedy [like Oedipus], 2) a battle [like the Illiad], or 3) a journey [like the Odyssey]. Remember a quatrain has 4 lines and for this assignment you will either use an A-B-A-B rhyme scheme or an A-A-B-B rhyme scheme. An example of the A-B-A-B rhyme scheme is below:

Water, water, **every where,**

And all the boards did **shrink;**

Water, water, **every where**,

Nor any drop to **drink.**

From *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*

-Samuel Taylor Colerdige

You will be scored on the following:

* 1. 10pts – Each quatrain has 4 lines and the entire “epic” is at least 12 lines
	2. 10pts – Each quatrain has either A-B-A-B or A-A-B-B rhyme scheme
	3. 10pts – Approximately half the words in the “epic” are nouns, adjectives, or verbs
	4. 10pts – Poem has a similar sound and feel to the Greek style it is supposed to emulate