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# Literary Analysis

## SIMILE AND EPIC SIMILE

A **simile** is a figure of speech that uses *like* or *as* to compare two things. An **epic simile** is a long comparison that may extend for a number of lines.

**Directions:** Reread the passages mentioned below, which contain epic similes. Tell what is being compared in each simile and explain what quality or qualities the two things have in common.

Lines	Simile	What Is Being Compared	What the Two Things Have in Common
89–94	“As between men. . . Ares.”		
143–147	“With this he. . . cowering hare”		
154–160	“Conspicuous as. . . exposed.”		