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# Aristotle's Definition of Tragedy

The Greek philosopher Aristotle defines tragedy in the following way. Read his definition. Then, referring to the numbers in brackets, explain what each part of his definition means.

A tragedy is the imitation of an action that is serious and also, as having magnitude, complete in itself(1); in appropriate and pleasurable language(2);...in a dramatic rather than narrative form(3); with incidents arousing pity and fear(4), wherewith to accomplish a catharsis of these emotions(5).

1.

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4.

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