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Narrative poetry tells the story of characters in a particular place and time. The author may use poetic techniques such as rhyme or alliteration to make the poem interesting.

One common type of narrative poetry is the ballad. Ballads often contain many verses and a refrain (a few lines of poetry that is repeated throughout the narrative.)

Historically, ballads were often chanted or sung and passed on orally from one generation to the next. Their authors were often unknown.

