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fl. 900s-800s B.C.

Greek poet who is widely credited with writing the epic poems the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. Homer, who was said to be blind, is thought to have lived in Smyrna or Chios and earned a living by telling stories. The *Iliad* recounts the story of Achilles and the Trojan War, and the *Odyssey* relates the mythic wanderings of Odysseus.