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WORD OF THE WEEK

Iambic

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Origin: from Greek

Iambos → **Iambique** → **Iambic** (French) CMid-16th

Used to refer to a rhythm (a pattern of words) used in poetry, in which each short syllable that is not stressed is followed by a long or stressed syllable. This creates the following pattern: de DUM, de DUM, de DUM. It is believed poets borrowed this from Latin in order to make the English language sound more sophisticated!

Most of Shakespeare's verse is written in iambic pentameter. He would use this meter for his higher class characters (think Macbeth) and would use prose (looks like writing in a book) for his lower status characters or to show a character's downfall (Lady Macbeth sleepwalking).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Poetry lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world, and makes familiar objects be as if they were not familiar."

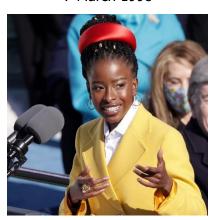


Percy Bysshe Shelley Romantics poet

PERSON OF THE WEEK

Amanda Gorman

7 March 1998



At the age of 22, Amanda Gorman was America's youngest inaugural poet. Her poem, *The Hill We Climb,* 'stole the show' at Joe Biden's inauguration in January of this year; she has been described as an 'inspiration to all' after she called for unity and togetherness in her poem.

Listen to her perform the poem here: https://youtu.be/LZ055ilIiN4

SONG OF THE WEEK

ARGH Kid

'Manchester's Sprawling'



Not a song in the traditional sense, instead a performance poem celebrating our nearest big city, Manchester.

https://youtu.be/xKXKQADfGvM