

Handout to the presentation of Eragon

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1. General Information

- First book of “Inheritance Cycle”
- Author: Christopher Paolini
- Release was in the US in 2003
- Number of Pages: 754
- Chapters: 63
- High-Fantasy novel
- Inspired by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Filmed in 2006

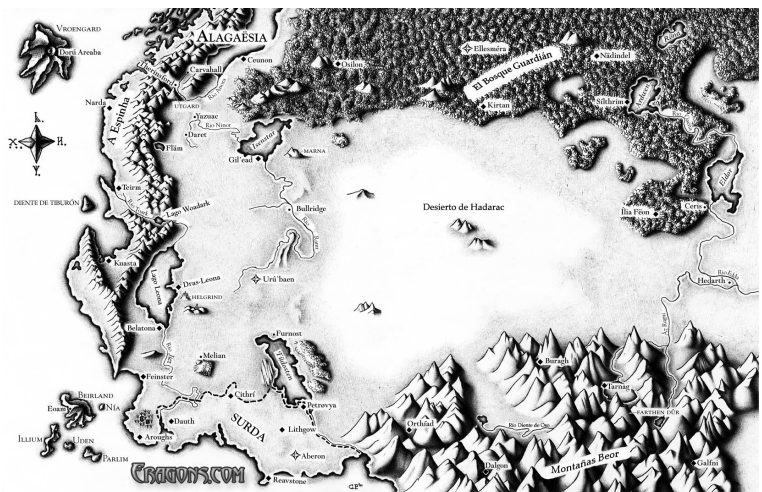
2. Author: Christopher Paolini

- Born November 17, 1983 in Los Angeles, CA
- Grown up near Paradise Valley, MA
- Did not visit a public school, was taught by his parents
- Started at the age of 15 writing Eragon but did not plan to publish it
- Is planning to write books about some characters who appear in the Inheritance Cycle

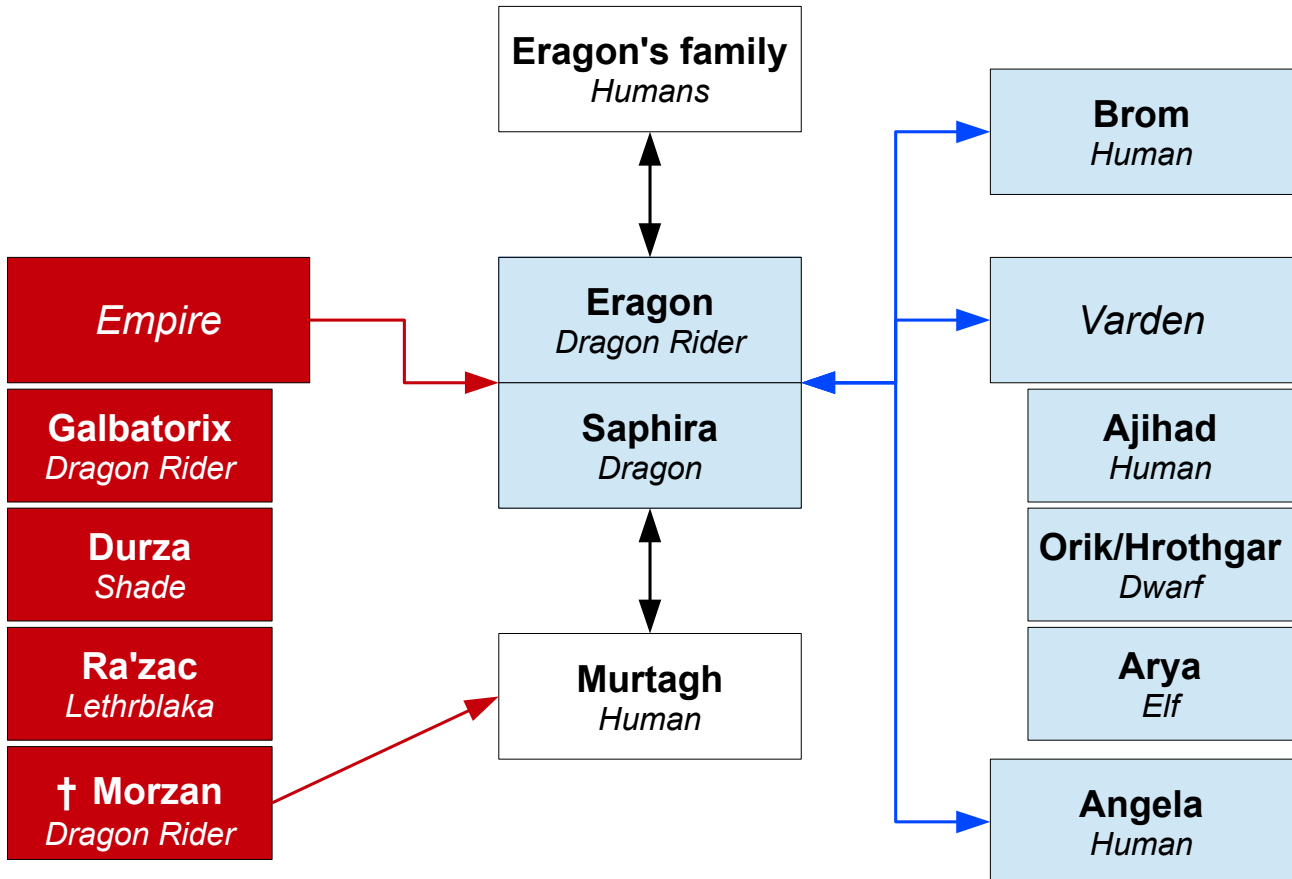


3. The world of “Eragon”

- Takes place in the fictional continent “Alagaësia”
- Age is comparable with the European Middle Ages
- Populated by humans, Urgals, dwarfs, elves and other magical animals
- There are some languages
- Alagaësia is controlled by King Galbatorix
- His enemies are the Varden (“the Warders”)
- Everything can be explained by the “Ancient Language”
- Magic needs as much energy as you would do it without magic



4. Persons



5. Prologue and Plot

5.1 Prologue

- War between elves and dragons
- Elf Eragon found an egg and raised hatched dragon Bid'Daum
- Dragon Riders were introduced and ruled over 1,000 years
- Galbatorix became Dragon Rider but his dragon was killed
- Fought with the 13 Forsworn against Dragon Riders and elves
- After the victory Galbatorix became the king of Alagaësia
- Has ruled more than 100 years fighting against the Varden
- Elf Arya tries to transport a sapphire dragon egg but is attacked

5.2 Plot

5.2.1 Carvahall – Daret

- Eragon goes hunting when a sapphire stone appears after an explosion
- Traders come to Carvahall; tell of problems with Urgals
- Eragon's stone moves itself and a dragon hatches
- He touches it and gets a silver oval on his palm
- Takes care of the dragon



- They communicate by exchanging pictures and emotions
- Eragon searches advice by Brom; Eragon calls dragon Saphira
- He is given a warning of two men searching him
- Eragon meets the men and can't move; Brom helps him
- He goes home fast and tells Saphira of the happenings
- She gets crazy and flies with him away
- When they come back, the house is destroyed and Garrow hurt
- Eragon tries to bring Garrow to Carvahall
- Eragon, Brom and Saphira leave the village to pursue the men
- Come to Yazuac and recognize a hill of bodies; meet Urgals
- After passing Daret they decide to go to Teirm

5.2.2 *Teirm - Farthen-dûr*

- Jeod helps them and Eragon is told his future by Angela
- Brom and Eragon ride to Dras-Leona where Eragon is attacked by Ra'zac
- They are pursued and Brom is wounded badly
- Murtagh helps them
- Brom dies; Eragon and Murtagh decide to go to Gil'ead, then to Varden
- Nearby Gil'ead Murtagh wants to find help but they are attacked by Urgals
- Eragon is in cell and talks to Durza
- Murtagh tries to save Eragon and the elf; Saphira helps them
- Must flee from soldiers and after five days the Beor-Mountains appear
- In Beor-Mountains Eragon communicates with Arya; they go to Varden
- Urgals are several leagues behind them but catch up quickly
- Come to Farthen-Dûr; are attacked by Kull and can flee in the mountain
- Inside people wait and Eragon's mind is controlled by a bald man
- Eragon, Saphira and Murtagh are lead to Ajihad; Murtagh is imprisoned
- Dwarf Orik shows Eragon Tronjheim and Farthen-Dûr
- Eragon trains his skills in magic and sword-fighting; Urgals attack mountain
- Eragon fights with Arya and Saphira against Durza and defeats him but is wounded seriously at his back
- Urgals are stricken back and Varden win

6. *Characterization of Eragon*

- 15-year-old
- Raised up by his uncle
- Farm boy but also a good hunter
- Quite strong
- Learns very quickly
- Has a lot in common with Murtagh
- Empathic person
- Is neutral towards the empire until the death of his uncle



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