

## #6 *Odyssey*: “Sailing from Troy” and “Lotus-Eaters”

“Sailing” (p. 983-984)

**Summary:** Odysseus longs to go home to his family in Ithaca, even though he was captured by the lovely nymphs Calypso and Circe who wanted him to stay with them. After Odysseus sailed from Troy, he lands on Cicones, where his crew plunders and enslaves to resupply for their journey. Odysseus commands his men to leave after they have had their fill, but they rebel and continue to drink, butcher, and feast. Fugitives escape and call upon reinforcements. Drunk and out-numbered, 72 men are killed during the battle. Before they set sail, Odysseus’s men grieve and cry over their lost friends.

Conflicts	Traits (line #)	Theme/Connections
Odysseus vs. his men Odysseus vs. fugitives Odysseus vs. Calypso/Circe Odysseus vs. Cicone soldiers Odysseus vs. mutiny Odysseus vs. grief Odysseus vs. gluttony	Humble/Loyal/Filial (34-36) Homesick (35-36) Formidable (19) Cunning/Crafty (19) Cruel/Cold (43-44) Insightful (46-47) Sympathetic (65) Sensible (46-47) Fearless (43) Scornful (47-48) Self-disciplined (25, 30) Cautious (46) Powerful (43-44) Weak/Unauthoritative (46-47) Regretful (65) Wise (47) Focused (46-47) Brazen (43) Sentimental (65-67) Resilient/Courageous (55-60)	Themes: -Carelessness breeds trouble. -Intoxication/Greed/Temptation leads to self-destruction. -Obey the authority and wisdom of superiors to avoid disaster. -Better to be safe than sorry.  Connections (Archetypes/Allusions): -Temptation vs. Morals -Focus vs. Ignorance -Mob mentality/Mutiny -Daedalus and Icarus=ignoring orders of caution -WWII Invasions (unexpected attacks) - <i>Star Wars</i> : mutiny punished - <i>Lord of the Flies</i> : Ralph / Odysseus as sensible leader that is ignored and tribe/crew succumbs to gluttony (hunting, feasting); crew destroys island and themselves in the process of mutiny

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