

# Odyssey Exam Guide (Wednesday)

Vocab – 14 words (1 pt def; 1 pt true sentence about Odyssey) x 2 pts = 28 pts

## Book 5

Plunder (153)  
Indignation (156)  
Pine (158)  
Gales (161)  
Shearwater (162-163)

## Book 6

Chided: 18-44  
Exultant: 139-158  
Enthralled: 163-190  
Staunchly: 204-232  
Seethed: 346-365

## Book 8

Scudding (196)  
Mariner (197)  
Plied (200)  
Libation (205)  
Bondage (208)

## Book 9

squadron  
Vaunted  
Moored  
Mutinous

## Book 10

folly (231)  
sumptuous (234)  
hefty (238)  
trekking (239)  
flitting (245)

## Book 12

Foresight  
anoint  
Bleating  
Scourge  
Ambrosia

## Book 13

Fallow:  
Loins:  
Vexed  
Peril:  
Tactician

**Reading Guide Questions – 7 questions (1 from each book presented) x 4 = 28pts**

## **Book 5**

1. How have the gods' opinions changed from the beginning of the book to now? Are the gods' emotions similar or different to a human's? (153)

2. How does Calypso's tone indicate that she has experienced something like this before? If so, how is this related to the concept of a tantalizing punishment? (156)
3. Why does Calypso want Odysseus, a mortal man, to stay with her on her island? How does she try to convince him to stay on her island?(158)
4. Why is Poseidon so dead set on destroying Odysseus even though he knows fate is supposed to keep him alive?(161)
5. Why does Odysseus believe that all of the immortals are out there to create more troubles for him? How come he does not heed their warnings or follow their advice right away?(162-163)

#### Book 6

1. Describe two elements of persuasion that Athena used towards Nausicaa? Explain how it relates to the Odyssey concept of Gids/humans. (169)
2. Describe Odysseus' internal conflict as he plans to confront Nausicaa? How does this support the idea of balance of contradictions in a character?(173)
3. How does the act of planning to persuade the princess express the idea of Sisyphus?(173)
4. How does Odysseus persuade Nausicaa to care for him? Find 3 persuasive strategies. (173)
5. Why does Odysseus compare Nausicaa to Artemis specifically?(173)
6. Why does Odysseus not give his identity to the princess Nausicaa? (173-178)
- 7.. How did Nausicaa convince the girls that Odysseus was safe based on how the gods think of the Phaeacians? What does this say about her character?(174)
- 8.. How does Odysseus interact with Nausicaa and her maids? How does this express the idea of resourcefulness/out of loss?(174-175)
- 9.. Why would Athena not appear in front of Odysseus if she's willing to help him return home? How does this support the idea of balance of contradictions in a character?(178)
10. How does Nausicaa's action(s) show the concept between fate/freedom? How does Nausicaa refusing to be seen with Odysseus while returning to her palace show about her character?(178)

#### Book 8

- 1.What does Broadsea say to Odysseus and how does this violate Xenia on Broadsea's part?(196)
2. What does Odysseus' response to Broadsea show about his character's hubris?(197)
- 3.How were the phrases "cringing under the rocks unrush" and "flying away"used to emphasize the power in this character's throw?(197)
- 4.Paragraph Question:How does the man's praise from lines 225-227 use figurative languages to persuade the people how powerful Odysseus is? (197)
- 5.How has Aphrodite and Ares' appetite clearly led them to do such a terrible thing to Hephaestus and violate Xenia?(200-201)
6. How is the story of Ares and Aphrodite and Hephaestus related to Odysseus' problem that while he is away suitors are trying to woo Penelope?(200-201)
7. How does Broadsea giving Odysseus his sword reveal his character's humility? How is this humility a balance of contradictions?(205)
8. What does the partying from lines 460-486 show about the kingdom's point of view of their guest and their belief in proper Xenia?(205)

### Book 9

1. How does eating the lotus flower create a conflict between Odysseus' men's mind and appetite, and is hyperbole involved and if so how in Odysseus' description of returning the men to the ship? (page 214)
2. How do the Lotus-eaters demonstrate xenia to Odysseus' landing party and how does Odysseus' landing party break xenia? How is this demonstrated by word choice in the 18-22 lines? (page 214)
3. How does the prophet's prediction of the blinding of Polyphemus demonstrate the concept of fate versus freedom and what does Polyphemus' comment about the prophecy demonstrate about Greek culture. (page 227)
4. How does Odysseus' prideful boast about his name describe the concept of hubris versus humility and what does this reveal about Odysseus? (page 227)
5. Why does Polyphemus say "let me give you a guest-gift and urge Poseidon to speed you home" if he will do the opposite? How does this relate to mortal/immortal interaction and what is the tone here? (page 227)
6. How is a balance of contradictions in Odysseus' personality revealed, how is it related to Odysseus' actions on the island of the Lotus-eaters, and how is Odysseus' tone in lines 7-10 related to this? (pages 212-213)

### Book 10

1. How Does Aeolus having control of all the winds show the relationship between god and man? (231) How does dramatic irony relate to Aeolus and the winds and how does What happened with the winds and odysseus relate to fate/freedom? (232)
2. How does Odysseus's determination to get home show the wear of being on a journey? (231)
3. How is Xenia related to the Laestrygonians and to the character of the Laestrygonians? (234) How does irony relate to most of Odysseus's men being killed on the sea by the Laestrygonians and what does that show about sea/land? (234)
4. How does the scouting crew being eaten by Laestrygonians relate to Hubris/ Humility and what is the tone of the scene? (234)
5. How does Eurylochus staying behind relate to Appetite/ Mind and what does it show about his character? (237)
6. What does Circe turning the men into pigs show about the relationship between gods/ man and what is the tone of this scene? (237) How does Circe turning men into pigs relate to Xenia and what does it show about her character? (238)
7. What does Odysseus rejecting to sleep with Circe, show about his character? (241)
8. How does the setting of Circe's island show Odysseus's appetite/mind? (237)
9. How does the setting of the underworld affect Odysseus and the crew's willingness to leave? (246)
10. What does Odysseus leaving Circe's' island show about his character? (248)

### Book 12

1. Why does Odysseus choose to listen to the voices of the Sirens? How do the Sirens relate to Mind and Appetite?2.
2. How is being on a journey more dangerous than being at home and how does it relate to the sirens?

3. How does being on the journey and being at home relate to why they had to eat the cattle of the sun? How is being on sea tougher for the men rather than being on land and how does that relate to the slaughtering of the cattle of the sun?
4. How does Circe's warning about Scylla and Charabydis reinforce Gods/Humans? How does Odysseus show Hubris/Humility in his choice?
5. How does the fact that Odysseus is speaking in this passage affect the tone and the point of view?

## Book 13

### Reading Guide Questions Lines 17-44

1. What Odyssey concept is being used and how in lines 26-28 when King Alcinous sacrifices an ox for Zeus?

### Reading Guide Questions Lines 142-173

2. What is Zeus' advice to Poseidon? What is Zeus' tone? Explain the relationship between his tone, advice, and gods vs humans.

### Reading Guide Questions lines 194-208

3. How does the Phaeacian's punishment relate God versus Humans and Fate versus Freedom? Explain.
4. Explain what the Phaeacians are trying to achieve when they sacrifice 12 bulls to Poseidon and how they are trying to achieve it. Will they succeed? Explain.
5. How are the Phaeacians' reactions to the destruction of their ship related to the reason Poseidon punished them?

### Reading Guide Questions Lines 213-243

6. How does the author link dramatic irony to the theme of being on the journey vs being at home when Odysseus experiences discomfort during his arrival at Ithaca and does not know it is Athena he is talking to?

### Reading Guide Lines 354-373

7. Why doesn't Odysseus completely believe Athena when she says that he has returned to Ithaca? Why wouldn't Odysseus trust her? Explain.
8. How is Odysseus' nostalgia for his home related to appetite v mind? Does he fall for his appetite and nostalgia or use his mind? Explain.

Passages: 1 x 44 pts = 44pts

Book 1, 2, 7, 11, 16, 22

Vocab = 28 (14)

Reading guide questions = 28 (7)

Paragraph = 44 (1)

Total = 100

You will not be allowed to use your book or your Odyssey concept sheet or any notes during the exam.

There will be several different exams with different vocab words, questions and passages. Copying other people's work will make no sense.