

The Odyssey

Active Reading Packet



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Class Period: _____

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Note-Taking and Summarizing Chart (Directions/Model)

Directions: As you read each book of the Odyssey, use words and short phrases to summarize the action in each of the categories below. Completing this activity will help you understand and appreciate what you are reading, follow the action, and relate to the epic, its events and its characters.

<i>The Odyssey</i>		
Title: Write down the title of the episode.	Setting: Describe the time and place of each episode.	Characters: Write the names of the major characters involved this each episode.
Plot (Important Events): Write the main events in chronological order for each episode. Any event that is significant to the poem should be included.		
Relevant Themes: Choose which theme is portrayed in the episode.	Write down text evidence (a specific quote from the text) that shows the theme from the left column. Explain.	
Literary Elements: Choose a literary elements portrayed in this scene.	Write down text evidence (a specific quote from the text) that shows the literary element from the left column. Explain.	

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Summary: I Am Laertes' Son

Odysseus, at the king's feast, replies to the king, who has asked the stranger to identify himself. Odysseus begins by telling where he is from. He describes how he was detained by Calypso and Circe and tells of the many years he has traveled from Troy, trying to find his way home. He tells of the Cicones and of a storm raised by Zeus, which had his men drifting for nine days.

Summary: The Lotus Eaters

After losing many shipmates fighting against the Cicones on Ismaros and being driven off course by a fierce storm, Odysseus and his crew arrive in the country of The Lotus Eaters. There the crew is seduced by the plant eaters, who try to make them eat the lotus and forget their homeland. Odysseus has to tie the men to the benches in the boats to get them away from the lotus land.

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Summary: Land of the Dead

In the underworld, Odysseus is addressed by the seer Teiresias, who warns him not to raid the cattle of Helios, the Sun god. Teiresias tells Odysseus that when he finally arrives home, he will find his household in disarray. Teiresias instructs Odysseus that after slaying his wife's suitors, he must make sacrifices to Poseidon.

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Summary: Cattle of the Sun God

Odysseus warns his men not to touch the Sun God's cattle. Storms rage for a month and their food supply is exhausted. One shipmate, Eurylochus, convinces the others that eating the cattle is preferable to starvation. Odysseus wakes up to discover that his men have feasted on the cattle. He curses the gods for letting him sleep during the feast so that he could not restrain his men.

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