

The Odyssey Book 1 & 9 Quiz Review


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What is Odysseus'
homeland?

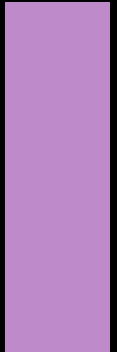
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Answer: Ithaca

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In Book 1, which deity speaks on behalf of Odysseus and later goes to talk to his son?

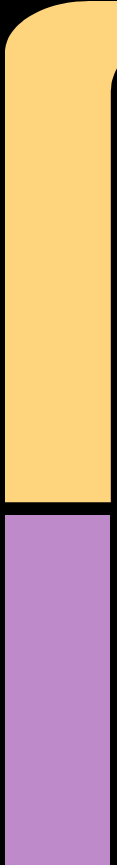

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Answer: Athena

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Who is Telemachus'
father?




Answer: Odysseus




What is a
narrative drift?




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Answer: a tangent; a digression from the main narrative plot

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Select the deity that helps Odysseus.

- A. Zeus
 - B. Athena
 - C. Homer
 - D. Apollo
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B. Athena

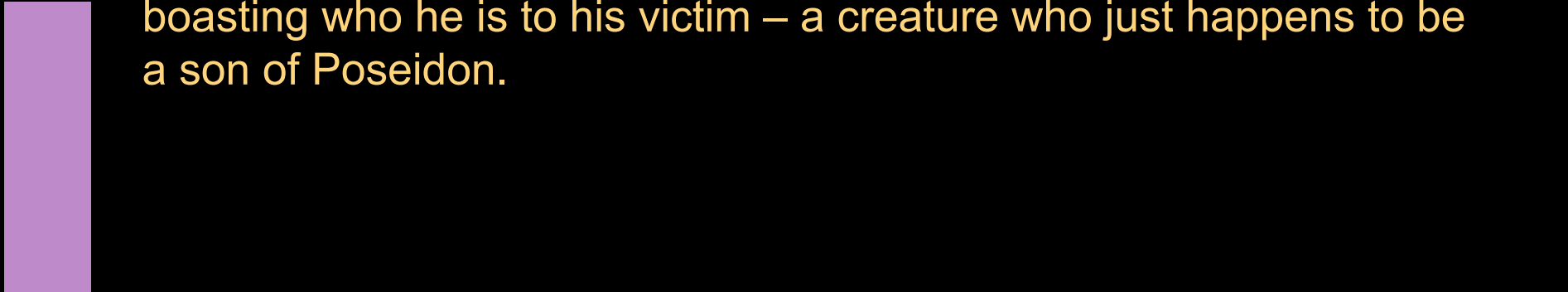
Book 9

SCENE: In the palace of Alcinous in the land of the Phaeacians where Odysseus tells of the Lands of the Cocones and the Lotus Eaters as well as of the Island of the Cyclops.

IMPORTANT CHARACTERS: Odysseus and Polyphemus: a son of Poseidon and a Cyclops.



Odysseus identifies himself to his hosts and agrees to tell the tale of his adventures. He describes his pillage of the Cicones where his men become greedy, and the "honey sweet fruit" of the Lotus Eaters that entrances his men. He then tells the story of his experience with Polyphemus, the Cyclops who traps him and his men and whom he escapes through guile. The exhilaration of his triumph leads him to committing the biggest error of his life – boasting who he is to his victim – a creature who just happens to be a son of Poseidon.




PAY ATTENTION TO:

- Odysseus' failure to control his men in the land of the Cicones.
- His rescuing them in the land of the Lotus-eaters, and saving them in the land of the Cyclops.
- Odysseus' adventurous attitude as he lands on the Cyclops' land.
- The reverse of the hospitality found in Phaeacia.
- The "farm" culture of the Cyclops.
- Odysseus' cleverness in calling himself "Nobody."
- Odysseus' flattery of the Cyclops.
- The vividness of Odysseus' "attack." The similes used to describe this.
- The cleverness of his escape.
- The curse of Polyphemus.
- Odysseus' leadership qualities; his adventurous spirit; his courage and cleverness; his lapse into pride (hubris).

EPITHETS: Who is...

- "teller of tales?" (Odysseus)
- "god of the sea blue mane who rocks the earth?" (Posiedon)

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Odysseus reveals all of the qualities during the Circe episode EXCEPT

- A. Timidity
- B. Strength
- C. Courage
- D. Leadership




A. Timidity






Which one of these is NOT a characteristic of an epic hero?

- A. Larger-than-life figure
 - B. Experiences difficult
 - C. Has supernatural abilities
 - D. Is defeated in the end
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D. is defeated in
the end


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The setting that Homer uses for Odysseus to tell of his journey is

- A. A omen
- B. A banquet
- C. A contest
- D. A war

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B. a banquet

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The Odyssey deals with Odysseus
adventures as he makes his way back to

A. Troy

B. Mt. Olympus

C. Ithaca


D. Crete

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C. Ithaca

The Lotus Eaters are a threat to Odysseus and his men because

- A. They offer a drug-like substance that makes them fall asleep
- B. They offer a drug-like substance that makes them not want to go home
- C. They offer a drug-like substance that makes them physically weak
- D. They offer a drug-like substance that makes them confess all their secrets

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B. They offer a drug-like substance that makes them not want to go home

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Which one of these BEST describes why Odysseus doesn't respect the Cyclopes?

- A. He thinks they are barbaric and ignorant
- B. He thinks they are lawless and hospitable
- C. He thinks they are arrogant and dangerous
- D. He thinks they are selfish and rough

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Which one of these is an epithet?


- A. "Young dawn with fingertips of Rose"
- B. "clear-eyed goddess"
- C. "The cracking eyeball"
- D. "The island in a dense fog"

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B. "clear-eyed goddess"

Odysseus emphasizes the custom of hospitality to the Cyclops because

- A. It is the Greek custom to honor strangers with food and gifts
- B. It is the Greek custom to demonstrate your intelligence
- C. It is the Greek custom to negotiate before battle
- D. It is the Greek custom to identify yourself before asked

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38. The following passage contains an epic simile that describes what?

"Neither reply nor pity came from him, but in one stride he clutched at my companions and caught two in his hands like squirming puppies"


- A. The savagery of the Cyclops
- B. The fear of Odysseus and his men
- C. The helplessness of the men
- D. The reply of the Cyclops

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39. What does Odysseus reveal about his character by disclosing his true name to Polyphemus?

- A. His intellect
 - B. His humor
 - C. His pride
 - D. His resentment
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Odysseus protects himself from Circe
with the help of

A. Eurylochus

B. Athena

C. Hermes

D. Zeus

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C. Hermes

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Odysseus is given a gift of stormy winds
before they leave the

A. Island of Aeaea

B. Island of Aeolus

C. Island of Calypso

D. Island of the Phaeacians


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B. Island of Aeolus


Which answer BEST describes what Odysseus' men are trying to do in the following passage?

"Captain, shake off this trance, and think of home-if home indeed awaits us,"

- A. They are trying to get Odysseus out of his bad mood
- B. They are trying to get Odysseus to remember home
- C. They are trying to get Odysseus to resist the evil spell
- D. They are trying to prevent Odysseus from falling asleep

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