

THE ODYSSEY, CHAPTER 11: THE LAND OF THE DEAD

Summary: Circe tells Odysseus that he has to talk to the spirits in the land of the dead. When he gets to Underworld, it's just like *The Sixth Sense*: he sees a lot of dead people. For us, the most important spirits here are: Tiresias, Elpenor, Odysseus' mother, Achilles, and Agamemnon.

1. Describe how the men get to Hades. Be specific. Include a description of the River of Oceans in your response.
2. How does Odysseus get the dead to speak?
3. Describe Odysseus' encounter with Elpenor. What does he learn from Elpenor? Why do you think this minor character reappears to Odysseus and to the reader?
4. What does Odysseus learn from Tiresias?
5. What does Odysseus learn from his mother?
6. What does Odysseus learn from Achilles?
7. What does Agamemnon tell Odysseus?
8. Why does Odysseus leave so quickly?