

***The Odyssey* Reading Questions**

Directions: Answer each question thoroughly in complete sentences. Type your answers. Proofread and correct your work for spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization.

Book 9:

1. Which encounter does Odysseus and his men have before Polyphemus?
2. Why is it necessary for Odysseus to take some of his men by force away from the land of the Lotus-Eaters? What happens to men who eat the sweet lotus?
3. What kind of creature does Odysseus encounter in the next land?
4. Why does Odysseus lead his men into Polyphemus' cave?
5. What happens when Polyphemus finds Odysseus and his men in the cave?
6. How is Odysseus able to wound Polyphemus?
7. How do Odysseus and his remaining men escape from the cave?
8. How is the craftiness and cunning of Odysseus revealed in this escape?
9. Why does Odysseus reveal his name to Polyphemus after he has escaped?

Book 10:

1. What natural phenomenon is controlled by Aeolus?
2. How does Aeolus show his goodwill when Odysseus is about to leave?
3. Odysseus and his men come within sight of Ithaca. Why do they not land?
4. Odysseus asks for further help from Aeolus. What is his reply?
5. Describe the Laestrygonians.
6. In what ways is Circe a danger to Odysseus and his men? Is she more or less dangerous to them than the Cyclops? Explain.
7. Who helps Odysseus outwit Circe?

Book 12:

1. How do the Sirens destroy men, and how do Odysseus and his men avoid destruction?
2. What are Scylla and Charybdis?
3. What happens to Odysseus' companions?
4. What happens to Odysseus?

