***Odyssey* Open-Ended Question**

**Assignment:**

1. Read Books I, V, IX, and X of the *Odyssey*.
2. Read the open ended question for the short answer.
3. Review the RACER strategy
4. Write your rough draft to the open ended short answer question.
5. Color-code your rough draft using the following guidelines:
	1. Answer to the question = **PINK**
	2. Text Support = **BLUE**
	3. Commentary/Analysis= **YELLOW**
	4. Insight= **GREEN**
6. Edit your rough draft.
7. Write your final response in the box; **do not color code your final response**.

**Restate** and **Answer** function as a single step.

**RACER** Strategy for answering Questions about Reading

**RESTATE** the question.

* Re-read the prompt and then re-state the question in your topic sentence.
**EX-** The prompt asks: *What is the intended effect of the metaphor used by Scout in paragraph 6?*

So your topic sentence should begin: **The intended effect of the metaphor used by Scout in paragraph 6** is...

**ANSWER** all parts of the question that is being asked.

* Use your answer to write your topic sentence.
**EX-** The prompt asks: **What is the conflict in this passage and its root causes?**So your topic sentence should begin: **The main conflict in this passage** is... **and is caused by...** (Note that this means you have to have direct support for both pieces of your topic sentence).

**CITE** evidence from the text(s).

* Include direct support from the text(s) to support your answer.
* Your support has to be good evidence; you can't just use anything.

**EXTEND** your answer.

* Provide the analysis that connects your evidence to the answer
* You need at least two sentences of analysis per evidence.
* Use the acronym SPIES to help you figure out what you could say in your commentary.
	+ Significance
	+ Purpose
	+ Importance
	+ Effect
	+ Suggestion

**REFLECT** on your answer

* Offer some insight and create closure to the paragraph
* Don't just put something in this spot simply because you've been told you have to have something here because it will seem like a last minute addition, and it will end up hurting your score.
* Try adding an allusion or scholastic or global reference that creates closure and offers the grader a chance to see you think outside the box.

**Directions**: Respond to the open-ended question below. The large space on the front of the page is for your prewriting. Color-code your rough draft. When you have finalized your response, write it in the box. Do NOT color-code your final response.

**Open-Ended Question**:

From what you’ve seen of Odysseus’s behavior, what do you make of his actions? Is he a faithful husband? Take a position on his character.

Color Coded Rough Draft:

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Final Response:

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