

**Odyssey Study Guide**

**Directions:** Complete the following chart to help you study for the *Odyssey* Unit Test. Use your notes, textbook, and handouts for help. There will also be a close reading passage on the test.

<b>Characters</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Story</b>	<b>Settings</b>
Odysseus' father <b>Laertes</b>	How many books are there in the <i>Odyssey</i> ? <b>23</b>	Calypso tells Odysseus that he is free to leave her island because <b>She pities him.</b>	Island Calypso lives on <b>Ogygia</b> It would be described as <b>Beautiful, awe-inspiring.</b>
The sun god <b>Ares</b>	An odyssey is a(n) <b>Journey.</b>	The reader can conclude that Calypso feels <b>jealous</b> towards Penelope.	Island Circe lives on <b>Aeaea</b> It would be described as <b>Wild, wooded, mystical.</b>
Witch who transforms Odysseus's men into pigs <b>Circe</b>	The poet who wrote the <i>Iliad</i> and the <i>Odyssey</i> <b>Homer</b>	After setting sail from Calypso's island, why doesn't Odysseus make it home? <b>He's on a raft in a storm.</b>	Where Odysseus lives <b>Ithaca</b>
Goddess who keeps Odysseus captive <b>Calypso</b> She would be described as <b>The most beautiful of the gods.</b>	The war Odysseus fought in <b>Trojan War</b> It lasted for <b>10 years.</b>	Why did Odysseus and his men stop on the island of the Lotus Eaters? <b>They ran out of water.</b>	Where Odysseus travels to fight the war <b>Troy.</b>
Main character and hero of the poem <b>Odysseus.</b> His title is <b>Laertes's son, raider of cities, kingly man. (any other epithet)</b>	Who or what is a muse? <b>God of inspiration</b> How many muses are there? <b>nine</b>	When Odysseus first talks with the Cyclops, he says his name is <b>Nohbody (play on "nobody")</b>	Island of the sun god <b>Thrinacia</b>
Son of Odysseus <b>Telemachus</b>	What is an invocation? <b>prayer</b> Which muse is Homer asking help from? <b>Calliope (epic poetry)</b>	What is Odysseus biggest mistake in the story of "The Cyclops"? <b>He tells him his true identity.</b>	Place Circe sends Odysseus so that he may seek the wisdom of the blind prophet <b>Land of the Dead.</b>

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<p>Wife of Odysseus</p> <p><b>Penelope</b></p> <p>You would describe her as</p> <p><b>Faithful, loyal, feminine</b></p>	<p>What important Greek value does the Cyclops fail to extend to Odysseus and his crew?</p> <p><b>hospitality</b></p>	<p>What did Aeolus do for Odysseus?</p> <p><b>He gave him the fair and stormy winds.</b></p>	<p>Where the gods live</p> <p><b>Mt. Olympus</b></p>
<p>Odysseus's nurse</p> <p><b>Eurycleia</b></p>	<p>Identify four themes from the <i>Odyssey</i></p> <p><b>Don't let pride blind you, Family and home are precious, Loyalty is a redeemable quality (There are others)</b></p>	<p>What did Circe do to Odysseus's men?</p> <p><b>Turn them into pigs.</b></p> <p>Why she does this</p> <p><b>To show how powerful she is.</b></p>	<p>Where the Cyclopes live</p> <p><b>An island.</b></p>
<p>Goddess who intervenes on the behalf of Odysseus</p> <p><b>Athena</b></p> <p>She is the goddess of</p> <p><b>War and wisdom</b></p>	<p>The poem the <i>Odyssey</i> is from whose point of view?</p> <p><b>Odysseus's</b></p> <p>This would be considered</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> person</b></p>	<p>Who gives Odysseus the herb that makes him immune to Circe's magic?</p> <p><b>Hermes</b></p> <p>What is the name of the herb?</p> <p><b>moly</b></p>	<p>Island of the wind king</p> <p><b>Aeolia</b></p>
<p>One-eyed giant; shepherd</p> <p><b>Cyclops</b></p> <p>He's best be described as</p> <p><b>stupid, brutish, large</b></p>	<p>How many parts of the <i>Odyssey</i> are there?</p> <p><b>Two</b></p>	<p>Odysseus does not warn his crew about Scylla because he thinks they would</p> <p><b>Panic.</b></p>	<p>Where Odysseus narrates the story of his adventures</p> <p><b>with the Phaeacians (King Alcinous)</b></p>
<p>The name of Odysseus's dog</p> <p><b>Argos</b></p> <p>he dies after</p> <p><b>seeing Odysseus return.</b></p>	<p>Identify the attributes that make Odysseus a hero</p> <p><b>Superhuman, helped/harmed by gods, upholds social ideals, victorious over obstacles.</b></p>	<p>Why does Odysseus stop at the Sun god's island?</p> <p><b>His men, driven by hunger, will not bypass it.</b></p>	<p>Where Odysseus lands after leaving Calypso's island</p> <p><b>Scheria</b></p>
<p>The man who tells Odysseus what Circe has done; he also instigates the plan to eat the cattle of the sun god</p> <p><b>Eurylochus</b></p>	<p>What is an epithet?</p> <p><b>brief descriptive phrase (characterization)</b></p> <p>Give an example</p> <p><b>Raider of cities, Laertes's son</b></p>	<p>What does Odysseus tell his crew not to do?</p> <p><b>Touch the cattle of the sun god.</b></p>	<p>The giant cannibals live</p> <p><b>Lamos (the Laestrygonians)</b></p>
<p>Ring leader of the suitors</p> <p><b>Antinous</b></p>	<p>What is an epic?</p> <p><b>A long, narrative poem</b></p>	<p>When Odysseus returns home, he is disguised as a</p> <p><b>beggar</b></p>	<p>Where do Odysseus's men eat a Lotus flower?</p> <p><b>Lotus Eaters</b></p>

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<p>Zeus sends him to tell Calypso to let Odysseus go</p> <p><b>Hermes</b></p> <p>He is identified by his <b>Winged feet</b></p>	<p>What is a Homeric/hero simile?</p> <p><b>A simile comparing unlike things for several lines.</b></p> <p>Give an example</p> <p><b>A gull patrolling/ between the wave crests...will dip...no higher Hermes flew (V. 9-12)</b></p>	<p>Odysseus' wife is equally cunning at testing people. She makes sure that Odysseus is who he says he is by pretending she has moved his what?</p> <p><b>Marriage bed</b></p>	<p>Island of the people trained to fight</p> <p><b>Malea (Cicones)</b></p>
<p>The name of the swineherd</p> <p><b>Eumaeus</b></p>	<p>How long does it take Odysseus to get home after the war ends?</p> <p><b>10 years</b></p>	<p>How does Odysseus' nurse recognize him in disguise?</p> <p><b>His scar</b></p>	<p>Visiting the Land of the Dead</p> <p><b>Initiation</b></p>
<p>The name of the god who hates Odysseus</p> <p><b>Poseidon</b></p>	<p>The term, which describes "Excessive Pride" in a hero is called</p> <p><b>hubris</b></p>	<p>The contest Penelope sets for the suitors involves:</p> <p><b>Shooting an arrow through 12 ax handle sockets</b></p>	<p>Returning to Ithaca to regain his throne is this archetype</p> <p><b>Man from the provinces</b></p>
<p>King of Phaeacia</p> <p><b>Alcinous</b></p>	<p>Possesses superhuman strength, craftiness, and confidence; embodies ideals and values that a culture considers admirable.</p> <p><b>Epic Hero</b></p>	<p>What happens to the disloyal maids after they clean the blood from the great hall?</p> <p><b>They are hanged.</b></p>	
<p>People trained to fight on horseback</p> <p><b>Cicones</b></p> <p>They dislike Odysseus because</p> <p><b>They are allies of the Trojans.</b></p>	<p>Includes fantastic or exotic lands; involves more than one nation</p> <p><b>Ancient Greece</b></p>	<p>Cyclopes; Laestrygonians; Sirens; and Scylla are all this archetype</p> <p><b>Creature of Nightmare</b></p>	
<p>Gigantic man eating cannibals</p> <p><b>Laestrygones</b></p>	<p>Characters, situations, and images that are recognizable in many times and cultures</p> <p><b>archetypes</b></p>	<p>Save Penelope and kill the suitors qualifies as this</p> <p><b>The task</b></p>	
<p>Six-headed, twelve-tenacled monster</p> <p><b>Scylla</b></p>	<p>Involves a long journey, full of complications</p> <p><b>Quest</b></p>	<p>Penelope is this archetype</p> <p><b>Earth Mother</b></p> <p>and this archetype</p> <p><b>damsel in distress</b></p>	
<p>Whirlpool monster</p> <p><b>Charybdis</b></p>	<p>Reflects universal concerns</p> <p><b>Epic conflict</b></p>	<p>Poseidon and/or Antinous are considered this archetype</p> <p><b>Evil Figure</b></p>	

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Sea nymphs who lure sailors to their deaths with their beautiful singing <b>Sirens</b>	The technique used by Homer to start in the middle of the story is called (Latin term) <b><i>in medias res</i></b>	Athena is this archetype <b>Platonic Ideal</b>	
Blind prophet that Odysseus must seek in the Land of the Dead <b>Tiresias</b>	Representation of objects as having human form or traits <b><u>anthropomorphic</u></b>	Scar on Odysseus' leg qualifies as <b>Unhealable Wound</b>	
Name of the cowherd <b>Philoetius</b>	Blind, rash behavior that offends the gods <b><u>Ate (ah'tay)</u></b>	Odysseus' crew is this archetype <b>Hunting Group of Companions</b>	
Name of the wind king <b>Aeolus</b>	Implies a humble and constant striving for perfection and self-improvement <b><u>Arête</u></b>	Hermes, Calypso, Athena are considered this archetype <b>Mentors</b>	
Name of Odysseus' mother <b>Anticlea</b> She dies of <b>grief/heartache</b>	A tragic error made by the hero which causes his downfall. <b>Tragic Flaw</b>	Calypso is considered this archetype <b>Temptress</b>	
Name of the first shade that Odysseus sees <b>Elpenor</b> He dies when <b>He falls off Circe's roof.</b> He begs Odysseus to <b>Give him a proper funeral.</b>		The Long Bow is considered this archetype <b>Magic Weapon</b>	
Name of the god Odysseus asks to help him make his shot <b>Apollo</b>		Eumaeus, Eurycleia, Eurynome, and Philoetius are considered this archetype <b>Loyal Retainers</b>	
Another one of the suitors. He blames everything on Antinous <b>Eurymachus</b>		Argos is considered this archetype <b>Friendly Beast</b>	
Another one of the suitors <b>Amphinomus</b>			

\*\*In addition to the chart, also apply your archetype notes to the characters, symbols and situations of the *Odyssey*.