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*The Odyssey* Study Guide

Part Two - Books 19-24

Fill out the following study guide. We will be working on it together in class and independently. For each answer, use textual evidence to support your answer, either with specific quotes or with references to specific passages (where appropriate). When textual evidence is needed, fill in the boxes labeled “Page Number(s)” and “Evidence.” For questions without those boxes, use your interpretations and understandings to respond to the question.

**BOOK NINETEEN – PENELOPE – 189-196**

1. According to Odysseus, “now is the time to” do what?

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1. What does Telemachus tell Eurycleia to do?

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1. How does Penelope trick her suitors so that she doesn’t have to marry them?

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1. Based on what the old man describes Odysseus wearing, how does Penelope know that he has actually seen Odysseus?

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1. Why do you think the old man doesn’t tell Penelope who he actually is?
2. How does Eurycleia know that the old man is actually Odysseus?

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1. Explain what Penelope’s dream means.
2. How is Penelope going to choose her new husband?

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**BOOK TWENTY – SIGNS AND VISIONS – 197-202**

1. How does Athena calm Odysseus’s fears?

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1. What does Telemachus say to defend the old man/beggar?

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1. What is happening with Penelope on page 202?

**BOOK TWENTY-ONE – THE BOW – 203-209**

1. Who is the first person to try to string the bow?
2. How does Odysseus reveal himself to the other servants?
3. Why doesn’t Antinoos want the old man to try to string the bow?

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1. Explain what happens on pages 210-211. Be detailed!

**BOOK TWENTY-TWO – DEATH IN THE HALL – 212-230**

1. How does Eurymachus try to convince Odysseus not to kill them all? Does it work?

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1. There is one suitor who is able to sneak out of the room. Where is he going?

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1. How is Melanthius able to get weapons?

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1. What do the servants to do Melanthius?
2. What happens when the suitors throw their spears at Odysseus and his men on page 221?
3. What happens with Odysseus and his men throw their spears at the suitors?
4. Telemachus saves two men who are with the suitors? What are their jobs?
5. After Odysseus and his men have killed all the suitors, what does Odysseus instruct Telemachus to do with the women?

**BOOK TWENTY-THREE – ODYSSEUS AND PENELOPE – 231-236**

1. What does Odysseus tell Phemius to do so that the kinsmen of the suitors won’t come and get revenge?

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1. How does Penelope get Odysseus to prove that he is really Odysseus?

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1. On page 234, Odysseus says he will never leave Penelope again, “except to fulfill the prophecy given me by the ghost of Tiresias on the shores of Death.” What is he talking about? What did Tiresias tell Odysseus that he had to do once he took back his kingdom?
2. Where does Odysseus go the next morning?

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**BOOK TWENTY-FOUR – PEACE – 237-248**

1. On the bottom of page 237, why are the men gathered in the circle? Why are they upset? What are they planning to do?

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1. Who is the old man in the orchard?
2. Who shows up when Odysseus and his men are ready to attack the other Ithacans?

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1. What are Athena’s instructions to all the men?

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1. How does Odysseus react to Athena’s instructions?
2. What does Athena tell Odysseus he must do?

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1. Does Odysseus do what Athena tells him to? What picture shows you this?
2. Explain the meaning of the picture at the very end, under the words “Here ends the story of Odysseus, as it has been passed down since the age of gods and monsters.”