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*The Odyssey* Study Guide

Part One- Books 7-12

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 SEVEN – KING ALCINOOS 78-82**

1. What does Odysseus ask the queen for?

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1. Why doesn’t Nausicaa take Odysseus to the palace herself?

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**BOOK EIGHT – GAMES 83-89**

1. How do the men playing games get Odysseus to join in the games?

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1. What gift does Euryalus give to Odysseus?

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1. On page 89, why does Odysseus get upset?

**BOOK NINE – ODYSSEUS’S STORY BEGINS 90-110**

1. Who is the narrator for most of Book 9?
2. What did Odysseus’s crew do to the Cicones?

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1. What did the Cicones do to Odysseus’s crew?

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1. How many of Odysseus’s men died on the island of the Cicones?

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1. On the next island they go to, why don’t Odysseus’s men come back to the ship?

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1. How does Odysseus finally get his men back on the ship?

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1. On the next island, where does Odysseus take twelve of his men, and the wine?

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1. When Odysseus first meets the cyclops, what does he say so that the cyclops won’t hurt them?

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1. Where does Odysseus say their ship is? Why do you think he lies about this?

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1. What happens in the pictures on pages 97-98?
2. Why don’t Odysseus and his men just kill the cyclops?

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1. What gift does Odysseus offer to the cyclops?

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1. What does Odysseus tell the cyclops his name is?

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1. What do Odysseus and his men do to the spear on the bottom of page 101? Why do you think they do this?
2. What do Odysseus and his men do to the cyclops on page 103?
3. Explain why the other cyclops don’t come to help Polyphemus.
4. How do Odysseus’s men escape the cave?

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1. On page 107, explain why what Polyphemus says to his sheep is ironic.
2. What does Polyphemus throw at Odysseus? How does Polyphemus know where to find him?
3. How does Polyphemus know that the prophecy came true?

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1. Do you feel sorry for Polyphemus OR do you think he got what he deserved? DEFEND YOUR ANSWER!

**BOOK TEN – AEOLUS AND CIRCE 111-126**

1. What gift did Aeolus give Odysseus?

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1. Why do Odysseus and his men end up back in Aeolia?

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1. What does Aeolus say to Odysseus when Odysseus asks for help again?

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1. How did Laestrygonians treat Odysseus and his men?

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1. On the next island, what does Eurylochus find at the center of the island?

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1. What does Eurylochus tell Odysseus when he returns about what happened to his men?

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1. Which god shows up to help Odysseus?
2. What gift does this god give to Odysseus and what does it do?

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1. According to Circe, where does Odysseus need to go next?

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**BOOK ELEVEN – THE LAND OF THE DEAD 127-134**

1. According to Circe, what does Odysseus need to do to get Tiresias to appear?

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1. Odysseus meets one of his men in the Underworld. Who is it and what happened to him?

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1. Who does Odysseus see next (before he meets Tiresias)?
2. What does Tiresias tell Odysseus he has to do in order to get home?
   1. If his men DON'T touch Helios's cattle...
   2. If his men DO touch Helios's cattle...
3. What does Odysseus learn about his mother?

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1. What advice does Agamemnon give Odysseus?

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**BOOK TWELVE – SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS 135-150**

1. Why did Odysseus put wax in the crew’s ears?
2. What danger did Odysseus NOT tell his crew about? Why do you think he chooses not to tell them?

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1. Why did Odysseus’ men choose to eat Helios's cattle, even though they swore not to?

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1. What danger does Odysseus face after his men are killed by Zeus's lightning bolt?

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