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*The Odyssey* Study Guide

Part One- Books 1-12

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 ONE**

1. Why does Homer call upon a Muse to begin telling the story of Odysseus?

2. Who is “that man” that Homer refers to on page 1? What do we learn about this person?

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3. Who is the character who is outlined in gold?

4. Who is the character who is outlined in blue?

5. Who is the character who is outlined in burgundy?

6. Who is the character who is outlined in orange?

7. What is *in media res*? Provide an example from Book One of *The Odyssey*.

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8. What is happening on page 5? Who is in the “cloud”? Where is this person?

9. On pages 8-9, why do you think the man named Mentes (the one talking to Telemachus) is outlined in blue?

**BOOK TWO**

10. Who calls the assembly at the beginning of book two? Why?

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11. What is the suitor’s reason for not leaving?

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12. What does Telemachus want from Eurymachus?

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13. What does Mentor promise to Telemachus?

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**BOOK THREE**

14. What does Telemachus ask Nestor?

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15. On page 27, Nestor foreshadows Odysseus’s return. What does he says that shows the foreshadowing?

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16. Where does Nestor tell Telemachus to go next?

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17. At the end of Book Three, what animal does Mentor turn into? Which god was it?

**BOOK FOUR**

18. Where does Menelaus hide to catch the Old Man of the Sea?

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19. How does Ajax die?

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20. How does Agamemnon die?

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21. What do the suitors plan when they learn Telemachus has gone to find his father?

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22. What does Penelope pray to Athena for?

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**BOOK FIVE**

23. Why does Hermes go to see Calypso?

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24. How would you characterize Calypso? Is she a “good” character or “evil” character? Why?

25. Who is outlined in green?

26. What gift does Odysseus get that helps him survive the sea?

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**BOOK SIX**

27. Who does Odysseus meet on the island of Phaeacia?

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28. Why can’t Odysseus follow this person back to the palace?

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29. To whom must Odysseus speak when he enters the palace?

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30. Who is the young girl who shows up at the end of the book?