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# THE WANDERINGS OF ODYSSEUS

## *Guided Reading Questions*

### **The Sacker of Cities**

1. Why did Odysseus and his men invade and take over the city of Ithaca?
2. Why did Odysseus and his men leave the city of Ithaca?
3. What happened to Odysseus's men on the next island?

### **The Cyclops**

4. What was Odysseus' plan to trick the Cyclops?
5. Why did Odysseus tell the Cyclops his name was "nobody"?
6. What mistake did Odysseus make in his celebration?

### **The Lord of the Winds**

7. What gift did Odysseus receive? \_\_\_\_\_

8. How did the men betray Odysseus and misuse the gift?
  
9. How does Odysseus know that Poseidon is getting him back for what he did to his son the Cyclops?

### **The Enchantress**

10. To happened to Eurulochus men?
  
11. What God does Odysseus meet on the Island of Circe? \_\_\_\_\_
  
12. What does this God give to Odysseus? \_\_\_\_\_
  
13. How does this gift help him?
  
14. What deal does Odysseus make with Circe?

### **Sea Perils**

15. How do the men save themselves from the Sirens?
  
16. What is Odysseys plan to get past Scylla, Charybdis and the Wandering Rocks?
  
17. What God is responsible for the men eating the cattle of the Sun Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
18. How is this God responsible?

19. What is their punishment for eating the cattle?

### **Farewell to Calypso**

20. What is the food and drink of the gods? \_\_\_\_\_

21. How does Odysseus survive Poseidon's anger?

22. What goddess helps Odysseus? \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Kings Daughter**

23. Who helps Odysseus when he washes ashore on the island of Phaeacia?

24. How does Nausicaa feel about Odysseus?

25. Odysseus hopes to be welcomed by the King and Queen of Phaeacia. What advice does Nausicaa give Odysseus?

### **The Phaeacian Games**

1. How does Odysseus gain the respect of Euryalus and the other men?

2. What does Odysseus reveal that shocks the men of Phaeacia?

## **Return to Ithaca**

26. How long has Odysseus been gone from Ithaca? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Why did Athene transform Odysseus into a beggar?
28. What has happened to Odysseus's Kingdom?
29. What is the Odysseus and Telemachus' plan to take back the kingdom?

## **The Beggar in the Corner**

1. Who is the first to recognize Odysseus (even in his disguise)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe the suitors that have taken over Odysseus' kingdom
3. Who is the second to recognize Odysseus (even in his disguise)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why does Odysseus suggest a contest?

## **The Archery Contest**

1. How did Athene keep control of the suitors?
2. What does the Seer warn the men of?

3. How does Odysseus win the contest?

### **The Slaying of the Suitors**

1. How does Athene help Odysseus during the fight?
2. What men did Odysseus spare (not kill)? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Describe how Penelope first reacted to Odysseus homecoming:
4. How does Odysseus finally prove to Penelope that he is who he says he is?

### **Peace in the Islands**

1. Who does Odysseus meet in the vineyard? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How does Odysseus finally prove to this person that he is who he says he is?
3. Why do some men follow Odysseus to his family farm to try and fight him?
4. Which Gods stop Odysseus from engaging in battle? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.