

The Odyssey Film Study Guide

Directions: Fill in each answer or complete each sentence with the best answer as you watch "The Odyssey." Note: Be sure to read at least one question ahead so you will know what to watch for.

1. Whose idea was it to build the Trojan Horse? _____
2. What did Odysseus say that angered Poseidon, god of the sea?

3. What is the first thing Odysseus and his crew hear when they get off the ship?

4. Who are the parents of Polyphemus, the Cyclops (one-eyed giant)?

5. What does Odysseus tell Polyphemus his name is? _____
6. What does Odysseus do to keep Polyphemus from eating him?

7. Who does Polyphemus call to for vengeance when Odysseus escapes?

8. What does Aeolus put in the skin bag and give to Odysseus? _____
9. What does Odysseus say to the bird flying over the ship at night?

10. What does Odysseus's crew think is in the bag that Odysseus carries? _____
11. What does Odysseus's crew do while he is sleeping?

12. What do the men on the beach find that they discover was once one of his crewmen? _____
13. What does Hermes give Odysseus to eat as he scales the cliffs to Circe's palace?

14. What must Odysseus do to get Circe to turn his crew back into men?

15. How long does Odysseus spend in Circe's palace? _____
16. Circe tells Odysseus he must go to _____ to speak with the dead prophet Teiresias. _____
17. What does Odysseus carry with him into Hades? _____
18. Who does Odysseus meet after he speaks with Teiresias? _____
Read Book XI, Pages 108 – 109 (Odysseus's conversation with his mother)
19. What does Penelope tell her suitors she must finish before choosing a husband?

20. What does Scylla do to Odysseus's crew, one by one, as they pass through her cave? _____
21. What happens to the boat after they sail out of Scylla's cave? _____

22. Penelope says that, after the food runs out, her suitors will follow their _____ home.
23. Why do the nymphs on the island giggle at Odysseus? _____

24. How long has it been since Calypso has seen a man? _____
25. What does Penelope tell Telemachus to do when he asks her advice? _____

26. What conclusion does the assembly come to after Telemachus asks them to kick the suitors out of his home? _____

27. How does Calypso stop Odysseus from leaving her island when he sees the boat sailing by? _____

28. What does Athena tell Telemachus when he remarks to her that she didn't help him? _____

29. Hermes tells Calypso that, if she doesn't set Odysseus free, her island will be _____
_____.
30. What do the suitors do to the loom when they find out that Penelope has been deceiving them? _____
31. What does Calypso offer to Odysseus to make him stay on the island? _____

32. Menelaus tells Telemachus that his father is _____.
33. Poseidon wants Odysseus to understand that, without the gods, man is _____.
34. What does the sea captain give Odysseus to drink? _____
35. How does Telemachus first react when he sees Odysseus? _____

36. Athena disguises Odysseus so that only Telemachus will recognize him by turning him into _____.
37. Telemachus tells Penelope that he knows his father is _____.

38. After Telemachus loses his fight in the pit, the disguised Odysseus tells him to tell his mother that he has conquered _____ .
39. Penelope's maid recognizes a _____ on Odysseus's leg.
40. Still disguised as the old beggar, Odysseus tell Penelope that her husband misses her, knows of her suffering and that will come back and _____ her.
41. Penelope tells her suitors that the man who can do what will be her next husband?

42. Telemachus tells the women to hid in the _____ .
43. The shepherd guarding the entrance to the hall where Odysseus takes on the suitors asks the suitors' servants if their masters are worth _____ for.
44. Odysseus tells Telemachus to do what before he tells Penelope that he has returned? _____
45. What does Penelope do when she sees Odysseus? _____
46. When Penelope says to Odysseus that he has seen the world, he tells her that she is his _____ .