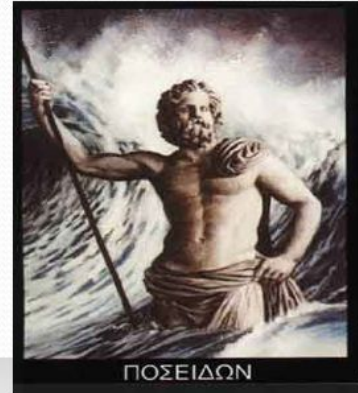


Books 13 & 14 Important Events

- Odysseus' accounts of his wanderings in complete (The Phaeacians know the outcome)
- Alcinous assures Odysseus he will be returned safely home and insists that Odysseus return home with treasure surpassing his fair share from Troy.
- The Phaeacians safely get Odysseus home which annoys Poseidon (who complains to Zeus)
- The gods agree on Poseidon's vengeance against the Phaeacians.





Hospitality



- The Phaeacians are models of hospitality towards strangers/friends as they welcome Odysseus and help him finally return to Ithaca.
- Hospitality and aiding strangers was a custom that was viewed as an exceptional virtue in Homer's world.
- Poseidon's negative reaction towards the Phaeacians contradicts this cultural value of hospitality- as he desired for them to turn Odysseus away and refuse to help him.



For Homework Tonight...

— Pretend you are **King Alcinous** (ruler of the Phaeacians)

— **Write a letter to Poseidon** pleading for forgiveness as he is angry with you for aiding Odysseus.

In this letter include:

- A detailed explanation of **WHY** you felt it was important to help Odysseus return home (defending your decision).
- A detailed explanation of how you or your people will repay Poseidon (Sacrifice? Shrine? Celebration? Fasting?) **BE CREATIVE/APPROPRIATE** *One whole page double spaced and typed, 12 pt. Times New Roman*

Letter Format

King Alcinous
Street Address
Island of Phaecia

Dear god Poseidon,

Sincerely,

King Alcinous

Books 15 & 16 Important Events

- Eumaeus and the beggar/Odysseus continue their conversations and Eumaeus tells his life story revealing he is of royal blood (but was kidnapped from home and purchased as a slave by Laertes).
- Meanwhile Athena guides Telemachus safely past the suitors ambush and tells him to go directly to the pig farm.
- Eumaeus is sent to tell Penelope of her son's safe return.



- Meanwhile Antinous tells of his plan to assassinate Telemachus- but Amphinomus (the most decent of the suitors) calls for patience in order to learn the will of the gods prior to striking.
- His argument wins and the suitors postpone their murderous plan.
- Penelope confronts the suitors but is cut off by the smooth-talking Eurymachus.
- Back at the pig farm Athena has turned Odysseus back into the old beggar. Among the mortals only Telemachus knows his true identity.



Journal #25

In Book 16, —At last, Telemachus and his father Odysseus are reunited in Ithaca. Reflect on a time when you were reunited with a loved one after being apart. What kinds of emotions did you experience? (If you cannot think of an example write as if you ARE Telemachus and you have just been reunited with Odysseus). *At least one whole page.*