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English 10: World Literature

The Odyssey

Guided Reading Questions – Part 5

Book 13- The Phaeacians Help Odysseus Return to Ithaca

1. How will King Alcinous pay for the gifts for Odysseus?
2. What does Poseidon do to the Phaeacian ship?
3. What do the Phaeacians do to try to prevent Poseidon from burying their city?
4. What are Odysseus' thoughts when he first wakes in Ithaca?
5. Who is the goddess who helps Odysseus get back to Ithaca?
6. For what does Athena scold Odysseus?
7. Describe the disguise Athena gives to Odysseus.
8. Athena and Odysseus go in different directions at the end of Book 13. Where does each go?

Book 16- Odysseus Encounters Telemachus

1. How does Eumaeus greet Telemachus?
2. What about the stranger from Crete (Odysseus in disguise) stresses Telemachus? What is his solution for the problem?
3. How does the stranger (Odysseus in disguise) scold Telemachus?
4. What does Telemachus decide to do with his grandfather, Laertes?
5. Describe Odysseus' and Telemachus' reunion.
6. Why do the suitors want to kill Telemachus? Which suitor does NOT want to kill Telemachus? Why?
7. How does Penelope know about the suitors plan to kill Telemachus?
8. What does she do about it?

Book 17- The Beggar, Odysseus

1. Why does Odysseus wish to go to his own palace disguised as a beggar?
2. What does the beggar disguise symbolize?
3. Why is it important for him to show patience and self-restraint, even when hit and insulted?
4. What is the meaning of the death of Argos, Odysseus' old hunting dog?
5. Consider the advice of Athena to Odysseus. Agree or disagree. It is "wise" advice (from the Goddess of Wisdom).