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HW Study Guide: Odyssey, Books 5 - 8

Type homework answers on loose leaf.

1. Identify each + explain his or her connection to this chapter:

- Calypso
- Hermes
- Ino/Leucothea
- Poseidon
- the “river god”

**Comprehension Questions**

2. How are Calypso and her home described? Is Odysseus’s situation all that bad? Give reasons to support your position.
3. How does Calypso react to the message of Hermes? What unfairness against female deities does she complain about?
4. What offer does Calypso make to Odysseus to try to get him to stay with her? Why do you think Odysseus turns down Calypso’s offer?
5. This is the first time we meet Odysseus. What are your first impressions? Why does Homer first show us his **hero in tears**?
6. Who causes the storm to hit Odysseus’s raft? (*He’s back!*)
7. What three deities help Odysseus avoid drowning? Specifically what does each do for him?

How does Book 5 question the ancient Greek male/female stereotypes?

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**Reading strategies:**

- Could you summarize what you have read? Try it.
  - Write down any questions you have or anything that surprised you about the reading.
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**In-class discussion/ group work**

1. Find one example of deceit in this chapter. Explain the event and what is deceitful.
2. Find and explain 2 examples of mistrust in Book 5.
3. Review the explanation of an **epic simile**. Find an epic simile on page 154 (5.55-58) of your text. Can you find another epic simile in Book 5?
4. Review the explanation of an epithet: Can you find an example of an epithet in Book 5? (Hint: There are many, but a common one for the sea is on p. 163).

**Other epithets/ identify:**

- The “giant killer”
- “God of the golden wand”
- the “nymph with the lovely braids”

## Book 6 – Nausicaa Helps Odysseus

Identify- be sure to explain connection to Book 6

- Nausicaa
  - Pallas
1. When Odysseus first meets Nausicaa, what goddess does he say she looks like? Identify the goddess and cite the lines in MLA format.
    - So what does Nausicaa look like? (What do you remember about the goddess that she looks like?)
  2. How does Athena help Odysseus look good? Explain and cite the lines. Why would Athena do this?
  3. How would you describe Nausicaa's feelings about Odysseus? Cite the lines that support your answer.

## Book 7– Odysseus Meets the Phaeacian Royalty

Identify/ explain connection to Book 7:

- Alcinous
  - Arete
1. How do we know that Alcinous is impressed with Odysseus? What surprising offer does he make to Odysseus before he even knows Odysseus' name? Give cite.
  2. Focus on **Arete**. What quality does Arete show when she asks Odysseus about his clothing? Explain.
  3. Define *disingenuous*.

In Book 6, Nausicaa claims that it would not be proper or in accordance with her parents' wishes for Odysseus to enter the city with her. How is her statement shown to be **disingenuous** in Book 7?

4. What lie does Odysseus tell to Alcinous and Arete to protect Nausicaa? What personal qualities of Odysseus does this show?
5. What information do we learn about Odysseus's journeys so far? How long was he adrift before he landed on Ogygia? How long was he held captive on Ogygia?

¶ **Book 7 Hunt –**

- **What is a libation?** Find one example of a **libation**:
- Identify **two disguises** that Athena takes on in Phaeacia.
- What guards the outside of Alcinous's mansion?

**Book 8: Odysseus Shows His Quick Temper and Aphrodite Shows Her Cheating Heart**

6. What confrontation does Odysseus get involved in? How is Odysseus insulted, and what insult does he throw back at his Phaeacian adversary (opponent)? How is the argument resolved?
7. What story about Aphrodite + Ares does Demodocus tell?
8. What foreshadowing occurs at the end of this book? What has been prophesized about Poseidon's future actions with respect to Phaeacia? Cite lines and explain.
9. What is special about the Phaeacian ships? (*Hint*: read over pages 189-190 and 209)

Epithets *Who is:*

the one who "loves the lightning, champion of *suppliants*" (old vocab word!)  
the "lord of the silver bow"  
the "famous crippled Smith"  
the "god of earthquakes"  
"raider of cities"  
"Quicksilver"



**Quiz review**

*Are you ready for a quiz on Books 1-8? Who/ what are the following and what is the connection of each to Books 1-8?*

- Odysseus
- Penelope
- Telemachus
- Antinous
- Eurymachus
- Agamemnon
- Orestes
- Clytemnestra
- Aegisthus
- Alcinous
- Arete
- Nausicaa
- Demodocus
- Broadsea
- Mentos
- Nestor
- Menelaus
- Zeus
- Hermes
- Athena
- Poseidon
- Calypso
- Ino
- Pylos
- Sparta
- Ithaca
- Phaeacia
- Ogygia

