

Study Guide – Book 10 – Group Work

1. Explain the connection of each with Odysseus in this chapter:

- Aeolus
- the Laestrygonians
- Circe
- Eurylochus
- Hermes
- Tiresias
- Elpenor
- moly

Also-- complete Adventure Chart and be ready to report to class on the specifics of the adventure.

2. Focus on the “Bewitching Queen of Aeaea”

True or False: Odysseus’s men are bewitched by Circe and transformed into swine, but Odysseus is able to resist her enchantment with the help of moly received from Hermes. In other words, Odysseus isn’t turned into a swine by Circe.

Explain your support for your answer.

How has Homer prepared his audience to look behind the literal surface or appearance of things?

What answer do you think Louise Gluck (former U.S. Poet Laureate) would take?
See reverse side. →

B. Is Circe more of a friend or foe to Odysseus? Support your answer.

C. What common force, experience, or risk might Circe symbolically represent? What do you think Homer is trying to say about this ?

D. Is Circe just another Calypso? How is she similar? How is she different?

4. Revisiting the topic of leadership – Is Odysseus a good leader? What adjective would *you* pick to describe the type of leader he is?

