



Warm Up: The Trip to the Underworld – The Order of Events

1. Odysseus arrives, offers 3 rounds of libations, and slaughters _____
2. Then he speaks to
 - *A. _____ who says _____
 - *B. _____ who says _____
 - *C. _____ who says _____
3. PARADE of mythological women – a **catalogue** (detailed, descriptive list/ an epic characteristic!)
4. INTERMISSION: In which Alcinous comments that he hates liars, but loves Odysseus! (What literary term would apply to this observation by Alcinous? _____)
5. Story continues; Odysseus speaks to
 - *A. _____ who says _____
 - *B. _____ who says _____
 - *C. _____ who says _____
6. PARADE of heroes and sinners—includes Orion, Hercules, Tantalus, + Sisyphus.
7. Odysseus leaves because _____

* **Fill in the speakers from this list:** Achilles, Agamemnon, Anticleia, , Ajax, Elpenor, Tiresias

* **Fill in speaker’s general message from this list:**

- Don’t eat the Sun God’s cattle! Kill those suitors, and here’s how to make peace with Poseidon!
- Stop moaning about your “life of pain”; it’s better to have a life –even a crummy life—than to be king of the dead!
- Bury me!
- I’m still not speaking to you!
- I died of a broken heart; everyone in Ithaca needs you!
- Don’t trust women!

QUESTIONS:

- What 2 “shades” ask about their sons?
 - Any irony in this question at least as far as one speaker shows concern about his children?

YOUR NOTES:

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A few more questions:

1. What information about **Greek attitudes towards burial/ respect for corpses** do we learn from the request of Elpenor?
 - What did Clytemnestra NOT do to Agamemnon's corpse that still really aggravates him in the Underworld?
2. How does Odysseus get the shades to speak?
3. What was the cause of Anticleia's death?
4. **Connections** (In mythology, as in life, it's a small world.)
 - Achilles inquires about his son Neoptolemus. Where else in the Odyssey is Achilles's son mentioned?
 - Agamemnon speaks of Cassandra's murder by Clytemnestra. Who is Cassandra? What role did she play at the time that Troy fell?
5. Be sure to understand Tiresias's advice to Odysseus about how to make peace with Poseidon. This is the closest Homer came to writing a sequel—This is all we know about the “next” adventure of Odysseus after *The Odyssey* ends.