

The Odyssey

Book key

- 1.1 Open answers (1 Odysseus 2 Greek 3 more than 3000 4 the gods)
- 1.2 Open answers (1 a 2 b 1 c 4 d 3 2 a 1, 4 b 2 c 3)
- 2.1 1 son; wants; upset
2 wife; loves
3 suitors; does not want
4 servant; loves
- 2.2 1 Sparta 2 Troy 3 Helen 4 Nile
5 Agamemnon 6 Aegisthus
- 2.3 1 Odysseus is being helped by the gods.
2 Odysseus has not been seen by the people of Ithaca for twenty years.
3 Have Odysseus's ships been destroyed in a storm?
4 A long war was being fought by the Greeks and Trojans.
5 The Greeks' attack on Troy had been caused by Helen.
- 2.4 Open answers (1 b 2 d 3 c 4 a)
- 3.1 1 Odysseus 2 Calypso 3 the sea god Poseidon
4 Princess Nausicaa
- 3.2 1 d, Odysseus 2 e, Odysseus 3 a, Nausicaa
4 b, Odysseus 5 f, Odysseus 6 c, Demodocus
- 3.3 1 Hermes visited Calypso's island, where Odysseus was living.
2 Odysseus used Calypso's tools, which she kept in her cave.
3 Poseidon, who controlled the seas, started a great storm.
4 Odysseus, whose raft was broken, swam to shore.
- 3.4 Open answers (1 A 2 C 3 B 4 B 5 A 6 C 7 A 8 A 9 C 10 B)
- 4.1 1 the Cyclops 2 Circe 3 Aeolus
- 4.2 1 Odysseus tells the Cyclops that his name is Nobody.
2 Odysseus escapes from the Cyclops's cave under a sheep.
3 The Laestrygonians destroy all except one of Odysseus's ships.
4 Odysseus's men open the bag from Aeolus because they think there is treasure in it.
5 Hermes gives Odysseus a flower to protect him from Circe's magic.

- 4.3 1 ... they were returning from Troy.
2 ... Odysseus had been very cruel to him.
3 ... Circe would use her magic on him.
4 ... Circe had invited them into her house.
5 ... they could stay in her house for the winter.
- 4.4 Open answers
- 5.1 1 None 2 None 3 Six 4 All the others
- 5.2 1 a, c 2 a, b 3 a, c 4 a, b 5 b, c
- 5.3 1 let Odysseus return
2 made Odysseus visit
3 made Odysseus land
4 let Odysseus travel
- 5.4 Open answers
(1 Telemachus
2 the old servant Eurycleia
3 the suitors Antinous and Eurymachus)
- 6.1 1 Telemachus 2 Eurycleia
3 Antinous, Eurymachus
- 6.2 1 e 2 b 3 d 4 a 5 f 6 c
- 6.3 1 would Penelope marry, returned
2 became, would be
3 would not know, did not remember
4 was/were not, would kill
5 would not behave, feared
- 6.4 Open answers (swords a bed a bow a tree)

Talk about it Open answers

Write about it Open answers

Project 1–3 Open answers

- 4 a He killed seals with his oar.
b He made stone buckets to collect rainwater by repeatedly hitting a big stone with a small stone.
c He built a stone hut.
d He made a big pile of stones and put his red shirt at the top.

5–6 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1 There are many web sites about the Greek gods. Many are for serious study but one, www.godseeker.com is quite fun and the information is written in easy language. Open answers
- 2 Open answers
- 3 Calypso's reasons: She loves Odysseus. She is very lonely. Odysseus's wife has died. The suitors would kill him if he returned. She is prettier than Penelope. Odysseus's reasons: He wants to return to his wife. He doesn't think Calypso is very attractive. He is worried about the people of Ithaca. He is bored of the island.

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- 4 Open answers
- 5 Suggestions: Frankenstein's monster, vampires, Alien, Predator, King Kong, Godzilla, The Mummy, werewolves.
- 6 The Cyclops kept sheep and Odysseus hid under them to escape. Circe turned Odysseus's men into pigs. Aeolus gave Odysseus a bag which contained strong winds. The Cyclops threw rocks at the ship. Hermes gave Odysseus a magic flower. The Cyclops prayed to his father, the god Poseidon.
- 7–8 Open answers
- 9 Suggestions: They could ask the gods, King Nestor or King Menelaus for help. They could poison the suitors. They could steal the suitors weapons.
- 10–12 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1 a poison b beauty c uninvited d prisoner
e oarsmen f resourceful
- 2 a foolish–wise
b smooth–rough
c cruel–kind
d tightly–loosely
e nasty–nice
f absent–present
- 3 a 5 b 3 c 6 d 2 e 1 f 4
- 4 a worried > angry
b sisters > friends
c coat > fog
d seaman > sportsman
- 5 a What did the men drive into the Cyclop's eye?
b What did the Cyclops throw at the ship?
c Why did the men turn into pigs?
d Where did Hermes give a flower to Odysseus?
e What happened when the men ate the Lotus fruit?

- 6 a basket b suit c leather d bucket e whisper
f trick g mud
- 7 a The Sun-god b Circe c Teiresias
d Agamemnon e Odysseus f Anticleia
- 8 a treatment b pitifully c magically
d farmworker e friendly f thieves
- 9 a wishes b wondered c upset d rude
e troubles f aching g crash
- 10 a to wear on their wedding day.
b a cruel trick on him.
c a Phaeacian ship.
d escaping the suitors' violence.
e an upstairs room.
f felt a scar.
- 11 a for b have c on d to e what f a
- 12 a Eurycleia b Melanthius c Penelope
d Telemachus e Alcinous f Athene
- 13 Open answers

Progress test key

- 1 a 4 b 7 c 10 d 1 e 3 f 2 g 6 h 8 i 9
j 5
- 2 a X b X c ✓ d X e ✓ f ✓ g X h X
i X j ✓
- 3 a King Menelaus b Calypso c King Alcinous
d The Cyclops e Teiresias f Agamemnon
g The Sirens h Eumaeus i Antinous
j Melanthius
- 4 a Mount Olympus b Pylos c Sparta d Egypt
e Calypso's island f Phaeacia g Aeaea
h the Underworld i Ithaca j the Palace
- 5 a on the beach b horse c peaceful d winds
e neck f richest