

***The Adventures of Odysseus* Study Guide 1 (p. 291-304)**

Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*, Part Four: Chapter III

1. Which two gods are the Greeks' greatest allies? Why do these gods later punish them?
2. What power does Apollo give to Cassandra? Why does Apollo turn against her?
3. What is Cassandra's fate?
4. What happens to Agamemnon and Menelaus after they leave Troy?
5. What happens to Ajax after he leaves Troy? Which characteristic causes Ajax's downfall?
6. How long does Odysseus wander before he sees his home?
7. Who is Penelope? What task does she want to complete before she will marry any of her suitors? Why is the task never completed?
8. Why does Athena favor Odysseus? Which god has no sympathy for Odysseus?
9. Who is Telemachus? What is his personality like?
10. What disguise does Athena take? What does she instruct Telemachus to do?
11. Which two men most likely know something about Odysseus' fate?
12. Whose form does Athena take the second time she appears to Telemachus?

13. To which god do Nestor and his sons offer a sacrifice?
14. Why does Menelaus have to hold down Proteus? Under what do he and his men hide?
15. Which nymph keeps Odysseus?
16. Of what are Hermes' sandals made? What powers are in his wand?
17. Why does Calypso not want to free Odysseus? What does she make for Odysseus?
18. Who spots Odysseus on the sea? Why does Odysseus not want to die in the storm?
19. Who helps Odysseus in the storm? What does she tell Odysseus to do? Who calms the waves?
20. To whom does the country (where Odysseus washes ashore) belong? What is their way of life?
21. Who finds Odysseus in the trees? What does she set out to do? How do she and her servants complete their work?
22. What does she do for Odysseus? Why can't she take him to her father herself?

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Odysseus' Tale at Court of the Phaeacians

1. Ten days after leaving Troy, why does Odysseus have to tie down some of his men?

2. Why is Poseidon angry with Odysseus?

3. What does King Aeolus give Odysseus? What is in it? Why does he give it to him?

4. What does his crew do to it? What happens as a result?

5. Who destroys the whole fleet except for Odysseus' ship?

6. Who lives on Aeaea? What happens to Odysseus' remaining crew?

7. How does Odysseus avoid their fate? Who tells Odysseus how to save himself?

8. What eventually happens to the crew?

9. How is Odysseus told to get to the entrance to Hades? Whom is he supposed to consult? What is Odysseus supposed to do to make him come?

10. To whose island is Odysseus to go next? Who lives there, and why are they harmful?

11. To avoid these people, what does Odysseus order the crew to do to themselves and himself?
12. At the Island of the Sun, what are Odysseus and his crew not to do? What does the crew do, and what happens to them?
13. What do the King of the Phaeacians and the chiefs give Odysseus before he leaves the island?
14. Where does Odysseus wake up? Who is disguised as a shepherd? As what does Athena disguise Odysseus?
15. Where does Telemachus go before going back to his house? Whom does he find there? What does Odysseus tell Telemachus to hide?
16. Who is Argos, and what does he do after he recognizes Odysseus?
17. What does Odysseus tell Penelope when she calls for him?
18. What two challenges does Penelope give the suitors? Who completes the challenges?
19. After the fight, whom does Odysseus spare?
20. How does Odysseus finally prove himself to Penelope?