

Paraphrasing *THE ODYSSEY*

Book 1: *A GODDESS INTERVENES*

Paraphrase (put into your own words) each stanza in Book 1. Use complete sentences.

-The Muses sang to a skilled man who was tormented after he plundered (destroy) Troy.
-This stanza is talking about Odysseus.

-Odysseus tried to weather the storm (control the storm, get through it) and save others through the battle, but recklessness (out of control) overshadowed (took over) them.
- They feasted on the cattle of Helios (Sun god).

- Narrator is asking the Muses for help to sing the adventures of Odysseus through song.

Sum up what occurs in Book 1 in one or two sentences:

The narrator is asking the Muses for help to sing the adventure of Odysseus. Odysseus faced weather that was out of control.

Book 9: *NEW COASTS AND POSEIDON'S SON - "I AM LAERTES' SON"*

Summarize in complete sentences what Odysseus says in lines 1-28 (pgs. 372-373)

Odysseus is tired of being held captive by the gods. He's getting homesick.

Odysseus wants to be home because he was desperate after 20 years of being away from home.

NEW COASTS AND POSEIDON'S SON - THE CYCLOPS (beginning on pg. 374)

Paraphrase each page (374-385). Use complete sentences.

pg. 374

- Odysseus and his men adventure out to find and meet/see a Cyclops.
- Odysseus finds an island. He brings a small squad with him to see the land and explore. He finds a cave with goats in it.

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- Odysseus and his men want to bring the Cyclops wine maybe in exchange for sheep.
- Odysseus asked his crew to watch the ships. He takes 12 of his men and a bag of wine. They might be trying to trade it with the Cyclops for goats.

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- Odysseus goes into the cave and finds cheese and goats. Then he made a fire, and when the Cyclops gets back, he starts doing his daily things.
- Odysseus and his men camp out and the Cyclops came home. They're trapped because the Cyclops has returned.

- The Cyclops closed the cave with a really heavy rock.

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- The Cyclops interrogated Odysseus and his men.
- The Cyclops thinks that he's stronger and more forceful than gods. Odysseus lies to him and says that Poseidon destroyed their ship when the Cyclops asked where it was.
- Odysseus and his men ask the Cyclops for a gift. The Cyclops doesn't care about the gods, so he says "no". He thinks he has more force than the gods, so he doesn't care. He asked them where their ship is.

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- Odysseus is losing more and more of his companions, and he tries to figure out a way to escape.
- Odysseus' four men have been killed and eaten by the Cyclops. Now they're trying to set up a plan with a sharp stake.
- Odysseus is trapped in the cave.

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- Odysseus and his men make a huge spear to stab the Cyclops in his eye.
- Odysseus is trying to get the Cyclops to give him a gift in exchange for wine.
- Odysseus gives the Cyclops wine, and he keeps calling for more.
- Odysseus hid the spear in the pile of dung.
- Odysseus and his men offer the Cyclops wine, which then he pleads for more. Odysseus then says "here's liquor to wash down your scraps of men". The Cyclops asks for his name.
- The Cyclops ate 2 more men after his evening chores.
- Odysseus builds a spear and hardens it with fire.

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- Odysseus and his men finally make a move and stab the Cyclops in the eye which makes him blind.
- Odysseus lies about his name.
- Odysseus heats up the spear before he stabs his eye.
- Odysseus and his men stab a burning, sharp spear into the Cyclops eye.
- The Cyclops called out for more Cyclops to help him kill the men.
- Odysseus tricked the Cyclops with his name, so when he calls out for the other Cyclops, he's going to say "Nohbdy".
- Odysseus waited til he was drunk and fell asleep to stab him.
- Odysseus and his men attack the Cyclops with a spear that Odysseus boils on the end, and then strikes the Cyclops in the eye, which then makes him cry out for help.

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- One of the Cyclops knew that Odysseus tricked him.
- Odysseus has tied his men to a sheep and is waiting until morning to work his plan.
- Odysseus silently tied 3 sheep to move the Cyclops away from the door.

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- The Cyclops caught the leader that was tied. He wished that the sheep had a brain and a voice to tell him where Odysseus was, but he was under the sheep the whole time. Odysseus sent his men on the ship with the sheep so they wouldn't get caught.
- The men were happy AND sad when the group of 7 came back to the ship.

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- Odysseus taunts the Cyclops.
- Odysseus calls him a weak cannibal, and the Cyclops got mad and threw a rock near the ship to push them back to the shore.

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- Odysseus told the Cyclops his name and where he lived.
- He prayed to his dad (Poseidon) to make Odysseus' life miserable
- The Cyclops is trying to become friends with Odysseus because someone told him that he was going to get blinded by Odysseus.

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- Odysseus knows that he is going to go home, but he doesn't know when.
- Odysseus sacrifices the sheep to Zeus.
- Odysseus was warned of the loss of his friends.

Summarize in two or three sentences what occurred when Odysseus and his men came across the Cyclops:
Six men died from the Cyclops. Odysseus stabbed him in the eye.

The Cyclops was the son of Poseidon.

Odysseus escaped with only 6 men.

Book 10: *CIRCE, THE GRACE OF THE WITCH*

Summarize in complete sentences what Odysseus says in lines 1-45 (pg. 386-387)

- Odysseus and his men get cursed by the gods and are having a rough time getting home.
- The group gets tricked by Circe and then turned into pigs. Odysseus saved them.
- Hermes helps Odysseus with moly, which would protect him from being tricked.

Book 21: *THE TEST OF THE BOW* (beginning on pg. 403)

Paraphrase each page (403-407). Use complete sentences.

pg. 403

- He finally have made it home after 20 years. Everyone hates him and his family.
- Odysseus is trying to figure out a new way to feel comfortable at home. Penelope is trying to find a new husband.

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- Odysseus asks for help from two servants.
- Odysseus' wife gave all the men a chance, but they couldn't. Two of the suitors think that they can string the bow.

pg. 405

- They devise a plan. We know that they're trying to get all the suitors in one room
- Odysseus (as the beggar) has the bow now.

pg. 406-407

- Odysseus is king again.
- He completed the archery test.
- His son Telemachus approves of him.