

## Paraphrasing *THE ODYSSEY*

### Book 1: *A GODDESS INTERVENES*

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

- Narrator wants help from the Muses to sing the story of Odysseus.
- We know it's Odysseus because they mentioned Troy.

- Odysseus was trying to bring his shipmates home. His shipmates are not very bright.
- Odysseus and his men anger the Sun god (Helios) by eating his cattle.

- The narrator wants the Muses to sing the story of Odysseus through song.

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

Book 1 was telling about how the Odyssey was told and who told it.

The beginning of the story; the narrator wants the Muses to sing the story to the gods.

### 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 cheated on his wife and got in a fight with the Cicones. He lost 72 men.

Odysseus is feeling homesick because he got close to his homeland and then was pushed out to sea again.

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

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

pg. 374

- The Cyclopes have no rules and have rough justice to women and children. Odysseus wants to see if they're nice, but they don't know.
- Odysseus' men observe the Cyclopes then set off to see them to fight or to gain trust.
- The Cyclopes live in different caves.

pg. 375

Odysseus is bringing his 12 best fighters to the Cyclops' house. He's also bring the best liquor ever.

pg. 376

- In the Cyclops' house, Odysseus and his men had cheese and like goats. And kids.
- The Cyclops started making his own cheese. The men made a fire.
- Odysseus and his men helped themselves to all of the Cyclops' food and supplies.
- The Cyclops blocked his door with a giant rock.

pg. 377

- Odysseus and his men get caught by the Cyclops. They tell him a lie that their ship is wrecked.
- Odysseus is telling the Cyclops who he is.

- The Cyclops didn't really care about the gods.

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- Odysseus' men are eaten (4 men are dead). They plan to build a weapon to overtake the Cyclops and escape the cave.

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pg. 379

- The Cyclops ate 2 more men then drank 4 bowls of liquor.

- Odysseus' men gave the Cyclops wine to trick him.

- They hid a spear under his poop.

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- The Cyclops stabbed him in his eye. He told him he was "Nohbdy". The Cyclops didn't open the door.

- The Cyclops was drunk, which caused him to fall asleep.

- The stake was almost on fire/really hot.

pg. 381

- They make a good plan to get out of the cave under three sheep.

- he's flailing his arms.

- The other Cyclopes leave after he says "Nohbdy" hurt him.

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- They took all the sheep aboard the ship, and then Odysseus starts yelling at the Cyclops.

- They used the sheep to escape.

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- Odysseus' men wanted him to stop yelling at the Cyclops.

- The Cyclops threw a hilltop at them when he was taunted and like yeah something like that.

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pg. 384

- Odysseus tells the Cyclops his personal info. The Cyclops goes to POseidon to ask what he should do to Odysseus.

- Cyclops tries to befriend Odysseus.

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- Odysseus made an offering to Zeus to stop the Cyclops. They meet up with the rest of their crew.

- Zeus denied the offering.

- They ate another one of the sheep.

Summarize in two or three sentences what occurred when Odysseus and his men came across the Cyclops:

- Odysseus lands on an island and watched Cyclopes. Then they go to the cave and see how a Cyclops lives. He eats 6 men before Odysseus and his men escape. Then Poseidon gets mad because Odysseus escapes.

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

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

- Hermes gave him a plant to eat that would protect Odysseus from the spells of the witch.
- Odysseus and his men are trapped with Circe for a year.

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

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

pg. 403

- Penelope (Odysseus' wife) proposes an archery contest. Whoever wins will marry her. Odysseus is disguised as a beggar - no one knows it's him.

pg. 404

- Penelope asks them to compete in an archery contest.
- After that, Odysseus thinks of his 2 trusted servants, and asks them if they'd be faithful to Odysseus.
- Archery contest: shoot an arrow through 12 axe heads and string the bow first.

pg. 405

- Odysseus is still disguised and introduces himself to 2 servants. They agree to protect the women. The bow is given to Odysseus (the beggar) by Penelope and Telemachus.

pg. 406-407

- Odysseus makes the shot through all the axe heads.
- Some of the gods are on his side (Zeus).