

Paraphrasing *THE ODYSSEY*Book 1: *A GODDESS INTERVENES*

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

- The narrator is talking to the Muses, asking them to tell the story about Odysseus.

- The men were reckless, and because of what they chose to go through, they ended up getting themselves hurt or killed.

- The men killed Helios' (the Sun god) cattle, so the god did something to them...

- Odysseus cares about everyone getting home: he wants to see his wife and he wants his shipmates to get home, too.

- Narrator asks Muses again to tell the story of Odysseus.

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

- In Book 1, we are introduced to our character's actions and what made his journey so awful.

- The narrator was telling the Muses what to say when they told Odysseus' story.

- The narrator asks the Muses to tell the story of Odysseus. Odysseus' men were reckless and no careful.

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)

After the war, Odysseus goes back home, but gets captured twice. Later on, he goes to this island and stops by another guy's house.

Odysseus cheated on his wife. He got captured on his way home.

Odysseus is preparing to tell his story.

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

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

pg. 374

- There are Cyclopes. They're evil, but Odysseus and his men don't know that. There are no laws or punishments in the land of the Cyclopes.

- They discussed the setting and the sailors deciding whether or not they'll travel to the island.

- Odysseus and his men find an island. They don't know that a lot of Cyclopes live there, though. It seems nice but it could be bad.

- It was about Odysseus and his men getting off the ship and scavenging for food. It was about the Cyclopes and how they live.

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- They went into the Cyclopes' cave and they brought a strong liquor which they have to dilute.

- Odysseus and his men journey into the cave. It also talks about the wine and cups he got as gifts through his travels.

- While walking up to a particular cave, which looks like a savage's cave, Odysseus takes his 12 best men. He talks about the best wine ever made.

- Odysseus and his 12 best men are watching one Cyclops. Odysseus is thinking back to when he got the gift

of the best liquor.

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- Odysseus was with all of his men. Something happened in the cave.
- They go into the cave, but the giant isn't there, so they wait in the cave for him to come back. They light a fire.
- The men in the cave finally decide to eat and make a fire. Then the Cyclops comes back and they hide.
- Odysseus' men ask to steal the sheep and cheese, but he says no.
- His men wanted to steal all the stuff, but Odysseus didn't want to because they weren't invited. They waited, and after the giant came home, he saw them.

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- When the Cyclops came in, Odysseus stood up and told him where he came from and who he was. Later on, he told a lie about his dad (Poseidon) crushing the ship.
- The Cyclops asks why they are there. Odysseus tells him the truth and asks for a gift. The Cyclops said he's not giving him a gift, and asks where the ship is. Odysseus lies and says Poseidon crashed it.

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- It was about Odysseus' men getting eaten and then them trying to find a way to escape. They got smarter and actually did something to try and escape.
- The Cyclops ate 4 of the 12 men. They are still trapped. Odysseus and his men are now making a spear that could kill the Cyclops.
- The Cyclops isn't afraid of the men, and he shows that by sleeping.

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- It's about Odysseus deciding to get the Cyclops drunk and like I said before, he's becoming smarter and getting better ideas.
- They decide to use the spear to poke the Cyclops in the eye. It's hidden under dung. When the Cyclops gets back home, he does his chores, eats 2 men, and Odysseus offers him wine.

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- Odysseus' men stab the Cyclops in the eye and the Cyclops is crying in agony.
- Odysseus said that "Nohbdy"!!!! stabbed the Cyclops in the eye. After the men stabbed the Cyclops, he takes it out and calls for other Cyclops on the island.

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- The other Cyclopes came and Polyphemus tells them "Nohbdy" stabbed him, so they think that no one stabbed him. He is now blind and Odysseus and his men are planning an escape.
- Other Cyclopes think Polyphemus is worthless, so they leave him alone. Odysseus comes up with a plan to escape.

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- He outsmarted the Cyclops and they got away, but Odysseus yelled back at him.
- Odysseus and his men escape, and brought the sheep to his boat. Then, he yelled at the Cyclops to get his attention.

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- Odysseus screamed and hollered at the Cyclops, but the Cyclops threw the hilltop that pushed Odysseus' ship back to shore even more, and he tries to do it again, but his men tell him to stop making the Cyclops angry.

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- Polyphemus is wanting Odysseus to never see his home again
- Odysseus told Polyphemus his true name in attempts to get into the Islands of the Blessed. Polyphemus cries to his dad, Poseidon, praying that Odysseus never makes it home.

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- He escapes the Cyclops.
- The Cyclops curses Odysseus, and Odysseus goes back to the rest of the men.
- They sacrificed the sheep to Zeus.
- Odysseus fears because he knows he and his men are doomed.
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Summarize in two or three sentences what occurred when Odysseus and his men came across the Cyclops: Odysseus and his 12 men went into a Cyclops', Polyphemus, cave, ate his food, wanted to take his sheep and goats. They got trapped in his cave and tried to escape but they couldn't. Polyphemus ate half of his men, then made a plan to stab him in the eye. After that, they finally got out of the cave, but then they argued with Polyphemus, and after four days they left.

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 go to Aeaea, and Odysseus stays back to let half of the men go instead. Later, he doesn't know where they went, so he goes to explore and check what happened with the other half. They hear a lady (Circe) singing. She tricks them and turns them into animals, but Eurylochus escaped. Odysseus had to stay with Circe for a year.

- Odysseus and his men tried to go home, but they stopped at an island called Aeaea. Half of his men were drugged, which turned them into pigs, and Eurylochus got away to tell Odysseus. Then Odysseus went to save them and he got Circe to change the men back into humans. Then they had to stay a year. Finally, Odysseus begged Circe to let them go.

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

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

pg. 403

- Penelope was beginning to give up on Odysseus coming back. She was getting ready for the event to happen so someone else can marry her. She was grieving about Odysseus not coming back.
- She takes out Odysseus' bow, which is elegant and heavy. She also brings axe heads.

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- The suitors are getting ready for the contest. None of the suitors can string the bow except for 2 that hold off. Still disguised, Odysseus walks up to 2 men that he knew 20 years ago and asks them whose side they'd be on if Odysseus returns. They chose Odysseus.

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- Odysseus is outsmarting people again. He's happy to see his servants, but asks them to stop crying. When the time comes, he wants the 2 servants to be ready and to give him the bow.
- His wife and his son tell the suitors to give the beggar (Odysseus) a chance with the bow.

pg. 406-407

- Odysseus entered the contest and does well - he wins. He starts talking to Telemachus (his son), and says thank you for giving him a chance to shoot the bow. Telemachus finds out that it's Odysseus.