

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

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

Someone is talking to the Muses about Odysseus.  
Odysseus plundered Troy, so we know it's about him.

All of Odysseus' men died because they were reckless. They ate the sun god's cattle. (They weren't smart.)

Narrator is asking the Muse to sing the song of Odysseus.

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

Someone is talking to the Muses about Odysseus, and then that someone asks the Muses to sing about Odysseus.

The narrator wants to learn about Odysseus, so he asks the Muses to sing about Odysseus.

The narrator is going to tell a story.

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 met a king and the king asked him what his name is, who his father is, where he's from, and what happened to him on his journey.

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

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

pg. 374

- Odysseus gets off the boat to go into the Cyclopes home.
- The men see giant everything, pretty much.
- Odysseus gives a brief description of what he makes the Cyclopes out to be
- They're going to see if the Cyclopes are friendly

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- Odysseus and his men found some Cyclopes.
- They go to the Cyclopes who is described as a brute and mountain-looking. They took a goatskin full of liquor that they might exchange for gifts.
- Odysseus and his 12 best fighters go into the Cyclops' cave with a goatskin full of sweet liquor.
- Odysseus approaches the domain of the Cyclopes, bringing his 12 best fighters along, with a goatskin canteen filled a special liquor.
- Odysseus talks about liquor.

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- The men make an offering to the gods.
- The Cyclops gets home and prepares dinner. He pokes the fire and sees the men.
- Odysseus and his crew want to take the cheese and animals back to their ship. Odysseus wants to stay and see the Cyclops.

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- The Cyclops sees the men and questions them. Odysseus lies.
- The Cyclops asked where the ship is docked/anchored.
- Odysseus asks where his gift is.

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- Odysseus and his men are building a giant spear.
- Odysseus is trapped in the cave and is trying to figure a way out and is building a giant spear.
- The Cyclops eats 4 men.

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- Odysseus and his men are trying to get the Cyclops drunk.
- He talks about grinding the spike in the Cyclops' eye.
- Odysseus and his men offer the Cyclops wine, and the Cyclops begged for more.
- Another 2 people died.
- Cyclops eats 2 more people, and Odysseus gives him wine.

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- They stabbed the Cyclops in the eye. He calls out for help.
- Odysseus tells the Cyclops that his name is "Nohbdy".

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- The Cyclops called to the others and they all came out to see what happened. They went back inside because nothing really happened. Odysseus is forming a plan to escape.

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- Odysseus and his men escape the Cyclops.
- They loaded the sheep onto the boat.
- Odysseus is about to shout out at the Cyclops/island.

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- Odysseus yelled at the Cyclops, and the Cyclops threw a hilltop at them in front of the ship, pushing them backward.
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- Cyclops tries to make amends with Odysseus. Odysseus tells him no, so the Cyclops prays to his dad, Poseidon.

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- They sacrificed the ram and ate other lambs.
- They drank wine (while eating the other lambs).
- Odysseus tries to offer the thighbone to Zeus, but Zeus declined.

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

- Odysseus goes onto the Cyclops island with a goatskin full of liquor. The Cyclops finds them and eats 6 of his men. They escape the Cyclops after he throws a hilltop at them and asked Poseidon to curse Odysseus.
- Odysseus and his men find the island of the Cyclops and try to befriend one of them. The Cyclops ends up eating a couple of his men and gets blinded in the process. Odysseus' crew got a curse put on them.
- Odysseus encounters a Cyclops that kills his men and curses them but they end up escaping.

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

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

- Circe gets the men drunk and turns them into pigs.
- The wind king gives Odysseus a bag of bad winds.
- Odysseus and some of his men go to save the other men, but they're put into a trance.
- There was a king (of the wind) who refused to help them a second time.

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

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

pg. 403

- Odysseus makes it back to Ithaca. Athena stops him before he goes all the way to the palace and she disguises him as a beggar.
- Penelope gets Odysseus' old bow for the archery contest.

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- Penelope sets up an archery contest. The suitors try and complete the contest. Odysseus enlists 2 of his faithful servants to help him and his plan.

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- Odysseus show the 2 men his scar. They freak out. Odysseus gives them rules and has a plan for after the contest.
- The 2 men are going to lock the gate so the suitors can't escape.

pg. 406-407

- Odysseus strings the bow very easily, making the suitors scared and worried. He makes the shot perfectly and turns back into his old self.
- He realizes it's been his dad the whole time and he stands behind him to fight.