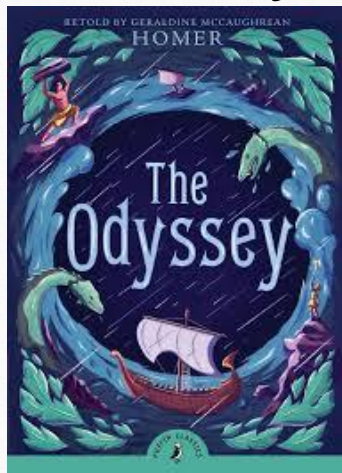


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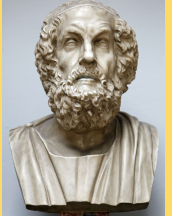
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# The Odyssey

- An **epic** poem: a genre; a long poem about heroes; comes from the Greek word meaning “story” or “word”
- Written sometime in the Eighth Century, B.C.E. by the poet known as **Homer**
- The epic takes place immediately after the events of *The Iliad* and the events of the Trojan War
- Focuses on **Odysseus**, a brave, Greek warrior who fought in the Trojan War and takes 10 years to journey home to Ithaca while encountering many individuals, cultures, and creatures along the way

Homer



A bit of Greek humor...



# Let's simplify The Odyssey...

## Main Characters

1. **Odysseus** (Trojan War warrior; husband to Penelope and father of Telemachus)
2. **Athena** (goddess who guides Odysseus on his journey)
3. **Telemachus** (son of Odysseus and Penelope)
4. **Penelope** (wife, mother, and ruler of Ithaca while husband is away)

## Settings

1. Troy (site of Trojan War)
2. Ismarus (Cicones)
3. Land of the Lotus-Eaters
4. Sicily (Cyclopes/Polyphemus)
5. Aeolia (Aeolus, wind god)
6. Telepylos (Laestrygonians)
7. Aeaea (Circe)
8. Land of the Dead (Tiresias)
9. Aeaea (Circe)
10. The Island of the Sirens
11. Scylla and Charbydis
12. Thrinacia (Helios, sun god)
13. Ogygia Isle (Calypso)
14. Phaeacia (Princess Nausica/King Alcinous)
15. Ithaca (Home)

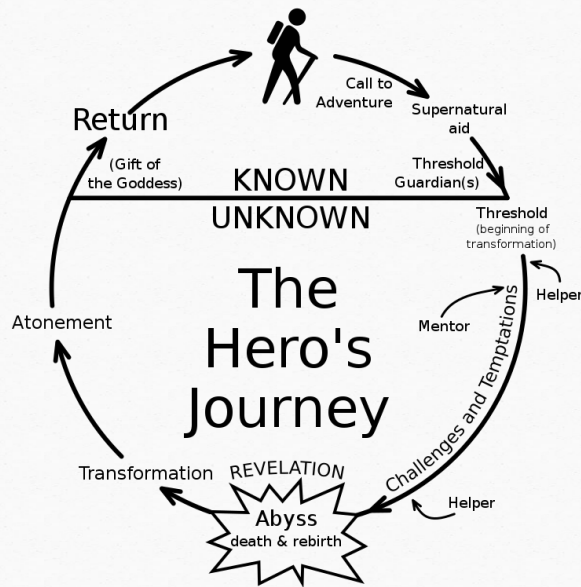
## Themes

There are MANY, but here are some common ones!

1. Homecoming
2. Family
3. Loyalty
4. Legacy
5. Identity
6. Divine Intervention/Fate
7. Hospitality
8. Vengeance



# The Hero's Cycle





# The Journey of Odysseus





Mrs R's thoughts:

You'd think Odysseus would be smarter than to tell Polyphemus his name and endanger his crew to the wrath of Poseidon.



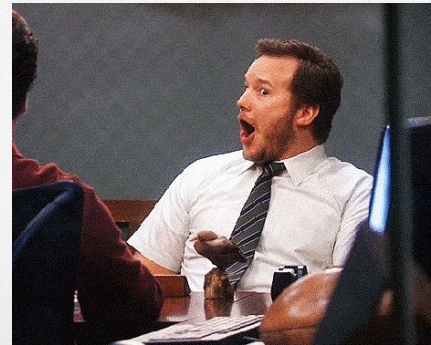
When thinking about the basics of annotating, think about moments that surprise you, interest you, confuse you, or emphasize figurative language. Make notes that help you remember **WHY** you find a moment important.



How can we annotate  
this poem?

Identify moments that **SURPRISE** you

- ✓ "I did not expect that to happen!"
- ✓ "That was very clever thinking!"
- ✓ "Well that did not work in their favor!"




How can we annotate  
this poem?

Identify moments that **INTEREST** you


- ✓ "I want to know more about this character!"
- ✓ "That seems like a theme."
- ✓ "I think that island would have been beautiful."







How can we annotate  
this poem?



Identify moments that **CONFUSE** you

- ✓ "Why can't they just leave?"
- ✓ "How did that happen?"
- ✓ "What does that mean/signify?"





How can we annotate  
this poem?

## Identify **Figurative Language**

- ✓ Creates an image beyond just the literal words
- ✓ Paints a picture with words
- ✓ Involves the senses for better understanding





# Examples of Figurative Language

## Epithet

- ❖ Two-word metaphor to describe a person
- ❖ **Ex:** "sparkling-eyed Athena"
- ❖ **Ex:** "storm-tossed Odysseus"

## Simile

- ❖ A comparison between two unlike things using "like" or "as"
- ❖ **Ex:** "men like gods"
- ❖ **Ex:** "We can race like the wind"

## Metaphor

- ❖ Compares one subject to another subject for symbolism
- ❖ **Ex:** "the face a work of art"

## Imagery

- ❖ Visually descriptive language; involves one or many of the five senses
- ❖ **Ex:** "Its root is black and its flower white as milk"

## Personification

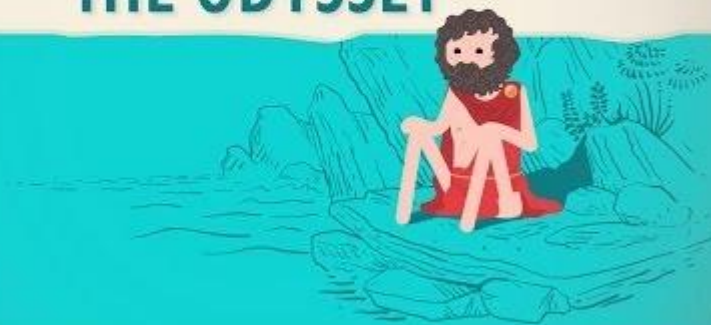
- ❖ Attributes human characteristics to nonhuman and/or inanimate subjects
- ❖ **Ex:** "young Dawn with her rose-red fingers shone once more"
- ❖ **Ex:** "death...comes to take you down"






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# Odysseey Reading



# BOOK ONE INVOCATION

want to listen as you read  
and have it continue?  
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? Why does Homer invoke the muse?  
? What main moments do we get a  
preview of here in Book One.

Students, write your response!



## BOOK NINE

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## BOOK NINE

### New Coasts and Poseidon's son

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## BOOK NINE

At this point in the story, Odysseus has been away from home for 18 years. What impact does that have on his feelings about home?


Students, write your response!





## BOOK NINE

What other movies or stories remind you of this moment?... They are in trouble and have an item they have been given that helps them.



Students, write your response!







## BOOK NINE

Draw the epithet here!

Students, draw anywhere on this slide!





## BOOK NINE

What surprised you,  
interested you, or  
confused you?

and/or

Find one piece of  
figurative language.

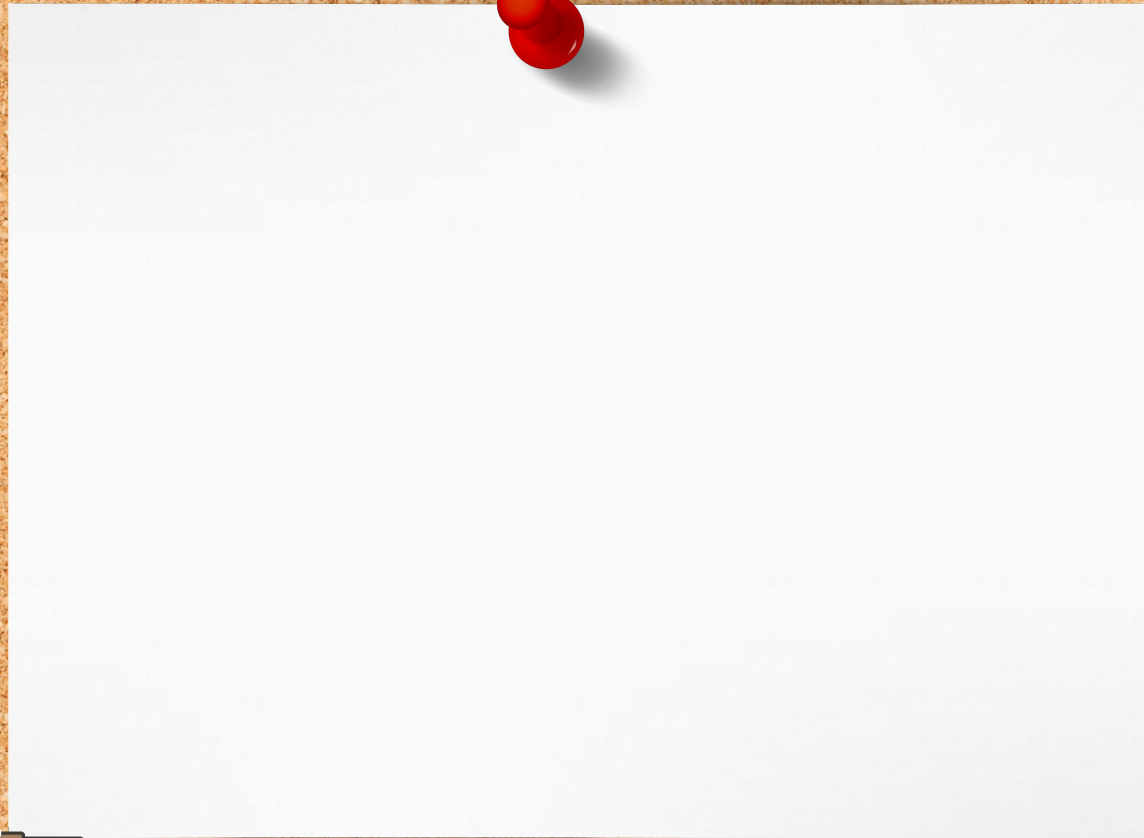
Students, write your response!





## BOOK NINE

Draw this moment!



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Students, draw anywhere on this slide!



## BOOK NINE

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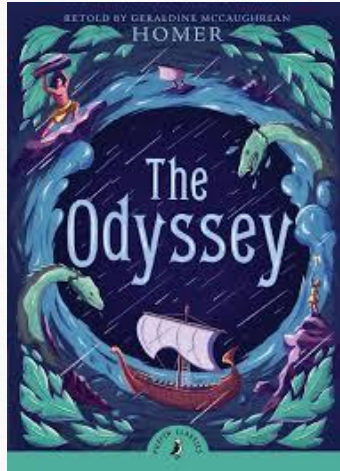
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Here's how it all goes down:

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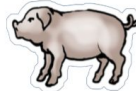
- 1 Suitors**  
With Odysseus away, the men are chasing Penelope.



- 2 Lotus Eaters**  
Odysseus' men get drugged up by eating lotus flowers.



- 3 Cyclops**  
Odysseus blinds Polyphemos the Cyclops, son of Poseidon.



- 4 Circe**  
Odysseus meets Circe who turns the crew into pigs.



- 5 Underworld**  
Odysseus goes to the Underworld for directions home and meets his dead friends.



- 6 Sirens**  
Odysseus survives the Sirens' song by tying himself to the mast of his boat.



- 7 Skylla & Charybdis**  
More crewmembers are killed by the monsters, Skylla and Charybdis.



- 8 Helios**  
The crew eats the cattle of Helios and is punished with a storm that kills them all.



- 9 Kalypso's prison**  
Odysseus survives the storm and ends up as Kalypso's sex slave for 7 years. He escapes and is shipwrecked with the Phaiakians.



- 10 Disguise**  
Back home, Odysseus disguises himself as a beggar to see who's still on his side. He wins back Penelope and kills a bunch of suitors.



## BOOK ONE

Recall: Why did the speaker invoke the help of the muse?


Hint:

think about why someone recognizes someone else in an acceptance speech.



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1. Why was Odysseus concerned about his men eating the Lotus flowers?
  2. In Greek civilization, the idea of **hospitality** was very important to uphold. Why does Polyphemus (the cyclops) not uphold this idea?



## BOOK NINE

CHECK FOR  
UNDERSTANDING





**BOOK TEN**

**BOOK TEN**

## The Grace of the Witch

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and have it continue?

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audiobook link in a  
separate tab.





On the map, place a flag on the island of Aeaëa, where Circe lives!

Not sure? Take a look at the map on slide 9.





## BOOK TEN

Draw what happens to the men under Circe's spell.

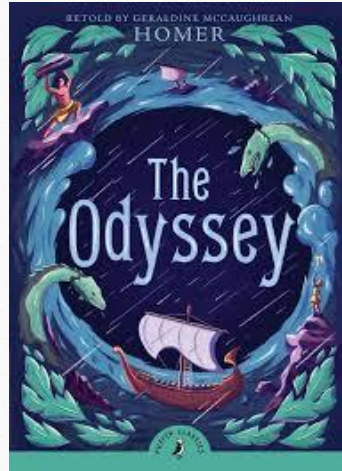


## BOOK TEN

What does Odysseus  
symbolize to his men in this  
moment of the epic?



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Thank you!





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