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# The Odyssey Reading Guide

For each character, write down:

1. Who they are
2. What role they played in *The Odyssey*

<b>Odysseus</b>	<b>Telemachus</b>	<b>Penelope</b>
<b>Eumaeus</b>	<b>Laertes</b>	<b>Eurycleia</b>
<b>Argus</b>	<b>Athena</b>	<b>Hermes</b>
<b>Poseidon</b>	<b>Helios</b>	<b>Phaeacians</b>
<b>Nausicaa</b>	<b>Menelaus/Nestor</b>	<b>Eurylochus</b>
<b>Cyclops (Polyphemus)</b>	<b>Lotus Eaters</b>	<b>The Sirens</b>
<b>Scylla/Charybdis</b>	<b>Calypso</b>	<b>Circe</b>

Tiresias	Ajax	Antinous

For each of the following chapters, you need to know:

1. Major setting → where does this book take place?
2. Plot events → what are the major things that happen?

Book 1	Book 4
Book 5	Book 6
Book 8	Book 9
Book 10	Book 11
Book 12	Book 16
Book 17	Book 21

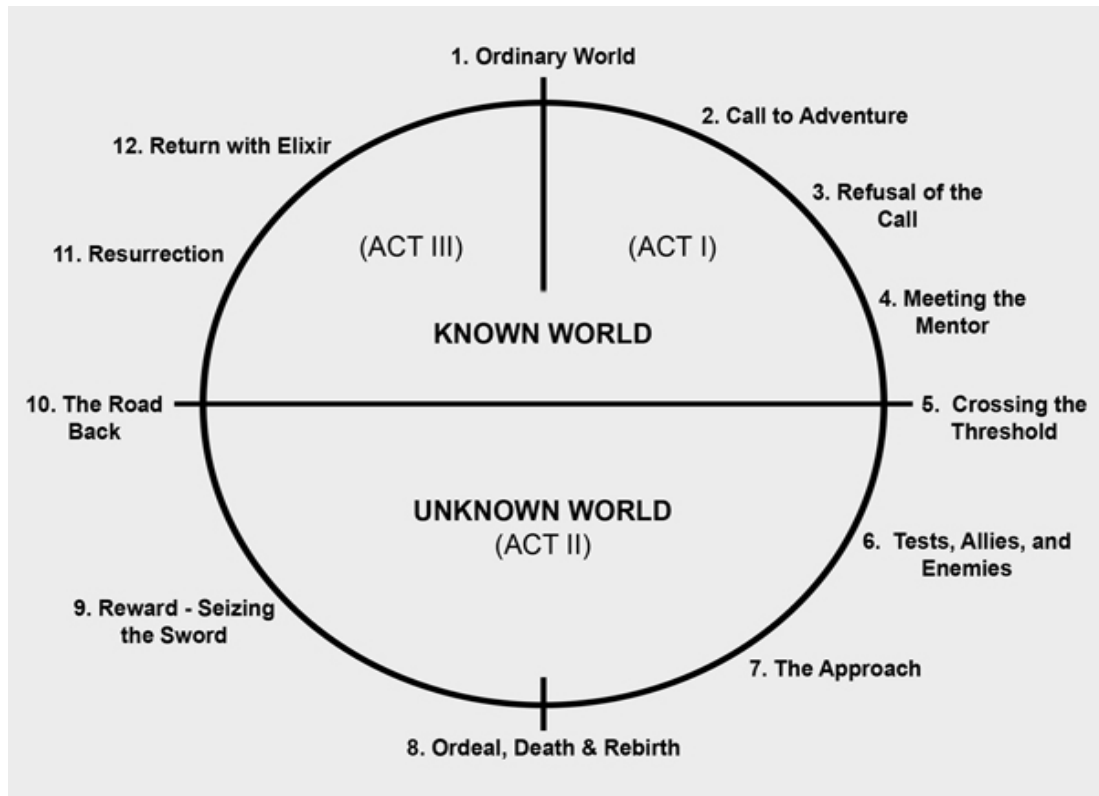
Book 22	Book 23

For the following literary terms:

1. Provide a definition
2. Give an example from the text

Homeric Simile	Epithet
Dramatic Irony	Surprise/Disguise Motif
Catharsis	Hamartia
Hubris	Peripeteia
Anagnorisis	

Define each part of the hero cycle:



Explain the meaning of each of the following symbols:

<b>Omens</b>	<b>Linens</b>
<b>Odysseus' Bow</b>	<b>Argus</b>
<b>Odysseus' Bed</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>The Sea</b>	

## Laws of Hospitality in Greek Tradition

What is the ancient Greek Law of Hospitality?

Explain the following components of the Law of Hospitality:

<b>Xenia</b>	
<b>Tabula Hospitalis</b>	
<b>Tessera</b>	

### Essay Potential

Know how to respond to one of these essay questions!

1. How does the theme of vengeance work in the epic? Approach it from the points of view of Telemachus and Poseidon, as well as Odysseus.
2. As an epic hero, Odysseus possesses many exemplary qualities. List and explain how they benefit him. What are his less admirable characteristics and how do these qualities cause him harm?
3. Compare and contrast the society of the Phaeacians with the lifestyle of the Cyclops and explain how these two societies represent the theme of hospitality. Then discuss the significance of hospitality to Homeric Greeks.