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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Adventures of Ulysses

Author:

Bernard Evslin

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

How does Ulysses use both bravery and clever thinking when he faces the Cyclops?

Example answer: I think Ulysses is brave because he does not give up even when the Cyclops traps him in the cave. He is also clever because he tells the Cyclops his name is Nobody and then finds a way to blind him. Instead of trying to win by strength, he uses a plan. This shows that being smart can be just as important as being strong.

How to Answer (continued)

The Sirens use their beautiful song as a trap. What is something in real life that can seem attractive but still be harmful?

Example answer: One real-life example is spending too much time on video games or videos. They can be fun and exciting, but they can also keep a person from homework, sleep, or family time. Like the Sirens' song, something can look or sound great but still lead to problems. I think the chapter teaches readers to use self-control.

During the contest of the bow, why is Ulysses the only one who can succeed, and what does the bow symbolize?

Example answer: Ulysses is the only one who can string the bow because it belongs to him and he has the strength and skill to use it. The suitors want his place, but they cannot do what he can do. To me, the bow symbolizes who the true king and husband is. It proves that Ulysses has finally returned to claim his home.

Chapter 1

After the Trojan War ends, what does Ulysses want most, and what problems already seem to stand in his way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

At the end of the story, what do Ulysses and Penelope each have to prove or understand before their family can truly be together again?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

During the contest of the bow, why is Ulysses the only one who can succeed, and what does the bow symbolize?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

When Ulysses and his men stop on the first island after Troy, what choices do they make that lead to trouble?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

The lotus makes sailors forget their homes. Why do you think forgetting can be dangerous in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What do the loyal servants and old dog Argus show about memory, love, and loyalty?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How has Telemachus changed while Ulysses has been gone, and what signs show he is growing up?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does Ulysses use both bravery and clever thinking when he faces the Cyclops?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

After Ulysses receives the bag of winds, why do his men open it, and what does this show about trust?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

When Ulysses finally reaches Ithaca, why might it be wise for him to hide who he really is at first?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Nausicaa chooses to help a stranger. What does her kindness show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What makes the Laestrygonians such a dangerous enemy, and how does this event change Ulysses's journey?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Circe first seems like an enemy and later helps Ulysses. What lesson might Ulysses learn from his time with her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does Ulysses feel while he is trapped on Calypso's island, and what does this tell you about the meaning of home?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Why are the cattle of the Sun so important, and what happens when Ulysses's men ignore the warning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

When Ulysses visits the Land of the Dead, what warnings or advice does he receive, and why are they important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

The Sirens use their beautiful song as a trap. What is something in real life that can seem attractive but still be harmful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Ulysses must choose between Scylla and Charybdis. How would you describe this choice, and what does it teach about leadership?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
