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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Odyssey

Author:

Gareth Hinds

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.

In Chapter 5, what challenges does Odysseus face when he leaves Calypso’s island, and what do those challenges show about his strength?

Example answer: Odysseus has to leave Calypso’s island on a raft, but the sea is very dangerous. Poseidon sends a storm that breaks his raft and almost drowns him. I think this shows that Odysseus is strong because he keeps trying even when he is exhausted and scared. He does not give up on getting home.

Chapter 24

In Chapter 24, how does the ending bring together revenge, family, and peace, and what message do you think the story leaves readers with?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

In Chapter 23, how does Penelope test Odysseus, and why is trust so important before their reunion can feel complete?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 14, what does Odysseus learn while staying with Eumaeus the swineherd, and why might loyalty matter in this chapter?

Example answer: While Odysseus stays with Eumaeus, he learns that Eumaeus is still loyal to him even though Odysseus has been gone for many years. Eumaeus is kind to the disguised stranger and talks sadly about his missing master. Loyalty matters because Odysseus needs to know who he can trust in Ithaca. This chapter made me respect Eumaeus because he does the right thing even when no one is rewarding him.

In Chapter 21, why is the contest with Odysseus's bow such a powerful test, and what does the bow symbolize?

Example answer: The bow contest is powerful because only the true Odysseus has the strength and skill to use the bow correctly. The suitors want Penelope, but they cannot even do this one task. To me, the bow symbolizes Odysseus's identity and his place as the real king of his home. When he strings it, it feels like the truth is finally coming out.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, how does Athena help Telemachus begin to think differently about his father, Odysseus, and the suitors in his home?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

In Chapter 22, how do Odysseus and his allies finally face the suitors, and what questions does this chapter raise about justice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

In Chapter 21, why is the contest with Odysseus's bow such a powerful test, and what does the bow symbolize?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, why is it important that Telemachus speaks up in the assembly, and what does his journey show about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, what does Telemachus learn from Nestor in Pylos, and how does Nestor’s welcome show the values of the ancient Greek world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

In Chapter 20, what signs, dreams, or warnings appear, and how do they make the reader feel about what may happen next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

In Chapter 19, what makes the meeting between Penelope and the disguised Odysseus emotional, and how does the scar add tension?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, how do Menelaus and Helen help Telemachus understand more about Odysseus and the long journey home from Troy?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, what challenges does Odysseus face when he leaves Calypso’s island, and what do those challenges show about his strength?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In Chapter 18, how does Odysseus show self-control when people insult or challenge him, and why is that self-control useful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

In Chapter 17, what do Odysseus's experiences as a beggar in his own home reveal about the suitors and the servants?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, how does Nausicaa treat Odysseus when she finds him, and what does her behavior tell you about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, why does Odysseus ask Queen Arete and King Alcinous for help, and how do the Phaeacians respond to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

In Chapter 16, how does the reunion between Odysseus and Telemachus change the story, and what does their planning show about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

In Chapter 15, how does Telemachus’s trip back toward Ithaca build suspense, especially with the suitors planning against him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, how do the songs, games, and feasting in Phaeacia affect Odysseus, and what do they reveal about his feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, how does Odysseus use cleverness against Polyphemus the Cyclops, and what mistake does he make afterward?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

In Chapter 14, what does Odysseus learn while staying with Eumaeus the swineherd, and why might loyalty matter in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, how does Odysseus's return to Ithaca feel different from what he might have expected, and why does Athena disguise him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, how do Odysseus and his men react to the dangers of Aeolus, the Laestrygonians, and Circe, and what can you learn from their choices?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, what does Odysseus learn from the spirits in the Underworld, and why is this part of the journey serious and important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, how does Odysseus try to lead his men past the Sirens, Scylla, Charybdis, and the cattle of the Sun, and where do his plans succeed or fail?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
