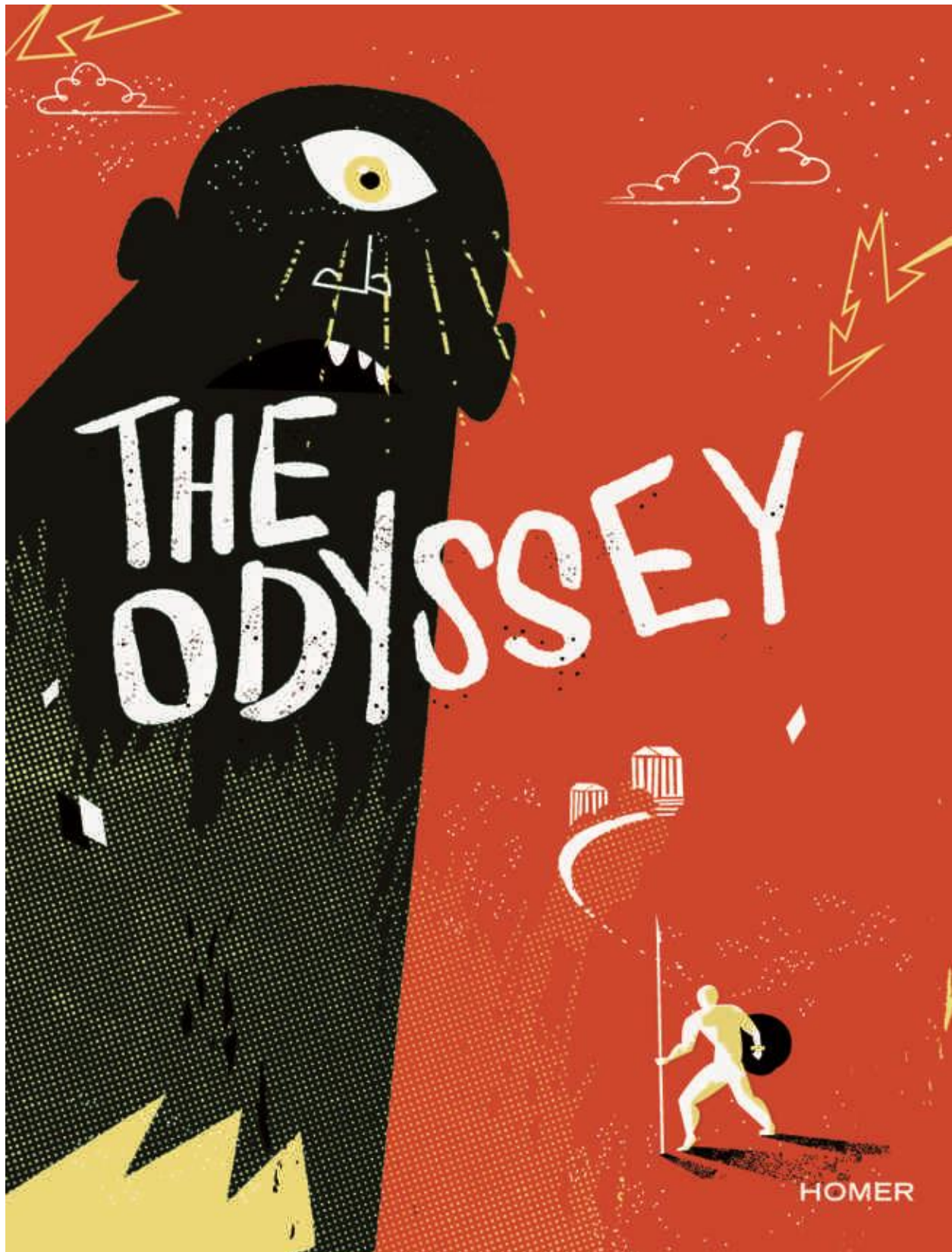


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*Homer's World* pages 887-889

1. Who is credited with creating the stories of *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*?

2. How were the stories originally told?

3. Why is there some disagreement about who authored the poems?

4. What are three important elements of the plot?

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5. Explain the Trojan War and Odysseus's role in its outcome.

6. How many ships and how many men did Odysseus have when he left Troy?

7. What makes Odysseus special?

8. In Homer's time what did most Greeks believe about the gods?

9. True or False: Athena supported the Spartans and Odysseus in the Trojan War.

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10. Which side did Aphrodite support, Sparta or Trojan?

11. Explain why the story of Odysseus' return from Troy has instances of divine interference.

12. Read the last paragraph on p. 888. What does it mean in your own words?

Read pg. 890-891.

13. Write the definition of an Epic Poem.

14. Explain *The Iliad* and who is the hero?

15. What are the characteristics of an epic hero?

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

16. What is the difference between a simile and an epic simile?

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**Book One**

1. Who is the Muse?
2. Why couldn't Odysseus save his men?
3. Who is Odysseus held captive by?
4. Who helps Odysseus? How do they help him?
5. Why does Odysseus end up in Phaeacians? Who is King?
6. What does the King ask Odysseus to do?

**Book Nine**

7. What point of view is used in Book Nine?
8. Who is Odysseus' father?
9. Describe Ithaca.
10. Why did Calypso keep Odysseus captive?
11. Why Circae keep Odysseus captive?
12. Why did Odysseus never give consent?
13. Who were the Cicones and what did Odysseus and his crew do to them?

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14. What did the Ciconian army do?

15. How are the Lotus Eaters a threat to Odysseus and his men, what happens to Odysseus' crew members when they eat the lotus blossoms?

16. What does Odysseus do to get the men away from the Island of the Lotus Eaters?

17. List five descriptive facts about the Cyclopes.

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18. What does Odysseus and his men do when they first get to the land of the Cyclopes?

19. In lines 72-73, how do these lines show Odysseus to be a traditionally heroic leader?

20. What does Odysseus take with him when he goes to see the Cyclopes?

21. Why do you think Homer interrupts the telling of the exploration of the land of the Cyclopes to describe in detail a goatskin of wine?

22. What does Odysseus' men want to do in the Cyclops' cave? Why does Odysseus refuse his men's request?

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23. When the Cyclops discovers the men in his cave, what does he ask them?
24. Why does Odysseus mention the possible wrath of Zeus if the Cyclops does not receive them hospitably?
25. What is the Cyclops' attitude toward the gods?
26. What does the Cyclops do to Odysseus' men? Write down the simile.
27. Why doesn't Odysseus kill the Cyclops at this time?
28. Explain Odysseus' plan.
29. Why did Odysseus offer the Cyclops the liquor he brought from the ship?
30. How do lines 282-285 illustrate the heroic qualities of Odysseus?
31. What did Odysseus and his men do to the Cyclops?
32. What is the Cyclops name?
33. How does Odysseus's false name of "Nohbdy" figure importantly in the plot?
34. To whom is Cyclops related?
35. Explain Odysseus' trick.

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36. How does Polyphemus' speech to the ram beneath which Odysseus hides, add suspense to the scene?

37. Once they've escaped, Odysseus taunts the Cyclops, what does this tell us about Odysseus?

38. How does the crew's pleas compare to the advice they gave earlier in lines 126-130?

39. How does Odysseus react to the advice in each case? What does this tell us?

40. Why do you think he reveals so much about himself to the Cyclops?

41. Explain Telemus' prediction. What surprised Polyphemus about his opponent?

42. What does the Cyclops ask of Poseidon in the prayer?

43. Does Zeus grant Odysseus's prayer?

44. How are Odysseus and his men both thankful and sad?