

Books Ten and Twelve

Book Ten

1. Odysseus and his men end up on the land of Aelous, who is the king of what?

2. What does Aelous give Odysseus?

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3. In sight of home and when Odysseus is asleep, what does Odysseus's men do? What is the outcome?

4. Why does King Aelous refuse to help Odysseus for the second time?

5. On the land of the Laestrygones who does Odysseus and his men encounter and what is the outcome?

6. Who lives in Aeaea?

7. Odysseus divides his men into two groups. Who leads the other group?

8. What is unusual about Circe's hall?

9. Why didn't Eurylochus go into Circe's home?

10. If you were among the group, whom would you follow Polites or Eurylochus? Why?

11. What happens to the men after they drink Crice's magic potion?

12. What does it mean when it says, "bodies, voices, heads, and bristles, all swinish now, though minds were still unchanged."?

13. When Eurylochus returns back to the ship and Odysseus, why can't he tell what happened right away? What type of conflict is this?

14. What does Eurylochus recommend Odysseus to do? What does Odysseus do?

15. How is Eurylochus different than Odysseus?

16 Who does Odysseus meet on his way to Circe? What do they give Odysseus and what do they warn?

17. Why is Circe surprised by Odysseus and who does she say foretold his coming?

18. Why does Odysseus make Circe swear an oath?

19. Why does Circe free Odysseus' men from her spell?

20. On page 891: what is an ephithet? On page 924: Where is it used in lines 165-170.

21. What does Circe tell Odysseus to do after his sailors have been changed back into humans?

22. How long does Odysseus and his men stay with Circe?

23. What emotion do you think Odysseus is feeling when he is reminded of home?

24. What does Circe say Odysseus must do before he returns home?

25. What is Odysseus' reaction upon hearing all of this?

Book Twelve

26. When Odysseus visits the underworld, who does Odysseus meet with and what do they tell him?

27. Who else did Odysseus speak to while he was in the underworld?

28. Who are the Sirens? What does Circe say will happen to Odysseus and his men when they hear the Sirens?

29. What does she suggest Odysseus should do to hear the Sirens safely? Do you think he will follow her suggestion?

31. Describe Scylla.

32. Why is Scylla dangerous to Odysseus and his crew?

33. Describe Charybdis. How is Charybdis' dangerous to Odysseus and his men?

34. Which course does Circe recommend? Why?

35. Why does Circe warn Odysseus not to steal Helios' fine cattle?

36. What tells us that Odysseus and his men might not be able to restrain themselves? Give two examples.

37. What does Circe say will be the outcome if Odysseus and his men can't restrain themselves?

38. Does Odysseus follow Circe's advice with the Sirens?

39. How does Odysseus help them overcome their fear and thus remain control of the ship?

40. Does Odysseus follow Circe's advice with Scylla and Charybdis?

41. Why doesn't Odysseus tell the crew what is going to happen beforehand?

42. Odysseus is more bothered by the death of his sailors at the hands of Scylla than he was by the death of his men at the hands of Cyclops, why do you think that is?

43. Who lives on the island of Thrinacia?

44. What happens to Odysseus' ship? Why?

45. Who lives on Ogygia?

46. How long does Odysseus stay there?