The Odyssey: Assignment List

1) "Ithaca Daily News" Assignment

For this assignment, you may either create a newspaper (Ithaca Daily News) or record a video newscast as if you're reporting live from an event in *The Odyssey*. Place in my dropbox (nesswhi), <u>labeled with your last name</u> when finished. Your project requirements are as follows:

- Newspaper
    - Include at least 2 articles of 3+ paragraphs each
    - Follow proper newspaper formatting, including: title, date, cost, etc. that a typical newspaper would have
    - Include at least 2 pictures
    - Computer generated
    - Include details & specifics of event
- Video newscast
    - Video must be at least 1 ½-2 minutes in length
    - Follow proper newscast formatting, including: news anchor, live reporter, props, microphone, etc.
    - Report FROM a scene/event that occurs in the story
    - Include details & specifics of event

2) "Board Out of my Mind" Assignment

You have three options for this assignment. You may pick ONE of them to complete with your group of 3.

- Board Game: With your group, construct a board game that follows Odysseus's path from the beginning to the end of the epic. The object of the game is to get Odysseus home to Ithaca. Be sure to include ALL of Odysseus's obstacles and events, as discussed in class (ex: when you land on the Cyclops space, it traps you with a boulder for one turn until Odysseus can find a way out). Make sure your game has:

    - Directions for the game
    - Lots of color! Very neat and easy to read!
    - Game pieces that make sense with the story
    - SPECIFICS from the events in the story

- Song: Convert the events of the epic into a ballad or song. First, write a set of lyrics that detail the story's events and adventures. Write the lyrics to music (you may write your own or adapt words to someone else's melody) and either record the song and be ready to play it for the class, or perform it live with its music in front of class on the day its due. Make sure your song has:
    - A chorus (repeating verses)
    - A title
    - At least 30 lines (not including the chorus)
    - Copies for everyone in your class

- Puppet show: Make puppets (from sticks, paper bags, or socks), and present the scene to the class on the day your assignments are due. Make sure your puppet show has the following:
    - A script (at least 45 lines of dialogue)
    - Detailed portrayal of at least 3 main events in the story
    - HANDMADE puppets (not stuffed animals, nothing purchased from a store)
    - A place to perform them (to hide your bodies while performing in front of the class)
    - Props, different voices, LIVELY action, etc. to entertain your audience

"Board Out of My Mind" Assignment *(The Odyssey)*	Name(s):

Content
    • Met assignment requirements (see handout) (15 pts.)
    • Project portrays story's DETAILS and shows a deep (15 pts.)
       understanding of its characters, events, setting, etc.
	_____ / 30

Creativity & Neatness
    • Project's overall presentation is impressive: neatly done/
       colorful/ entertaining/ enthusiastic/ creative
	_____ / 10

Overall Quality of Writing
    • Spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc. were used
       appropriately
	_____ / 5

TOTAL POINTS	**_____ / 45**

Comments: