

## ODYSSEY QUIZ

Mark the correct answer on your Scantron sheet. Make sure not to skip any lines, and fill in each bubble completely, without writing outside of the bubble in any way. USE A PENCIL FOR EACH RESPONSE!

1. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of an EPIC HERO?
  - a. Has superior or superhuman traits
  - b. Has divine origin
  - c. Is selfless and smart
  - d. Is ethical and fights for a noble cause
2. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of an EPIC?
  - a. Based on historical events
  - b. Large and expansive setting
  - c. Is a poem
  - d. Must be written as a flashback
3. According to Greek mythology, how did the Trojan War begin?
  - a. Hera became upset with Zeus for his unfaithfulness
  - b. Goddesses were fighting over who was the most beautiful
  - c. Paris of Troy wanted a new wife
  - d. A wooden horse was placed on the shores of Troy
4. According to Greek mythology, who won the Trojan War?
  - a. The Greeks
  - b. The Trojans
  - c. No one; everyone was slaughtered
5. Which answer below describes the Cyclopes' lifestyle, according to our text?
  - a. Family-oriented and helpful to their own kind
  - b. Faithful to the gods of Mount Olympus
  - c. Giving and welcoming
  - d. Lazy and independent
6. When asked his name, what does Odysseus tell the Cyclops he is called?
  - a. Odysseus
  - b. Lord Odysseus
  - c. Nohbdy
  - d. King of Ithaca
7. Who is Polyphemus?
  - a. God of the cattle
  - b. God of the sun
  - c. Cyclops
  - d. Odysseus' son
8. Poseidon is the god of...

- a. The sky & ruler of all gods
  - b. The sea
  - c. The sun
  - d. War & wisdom
9. Zeus is the god of...
- a. The sky & ruler of all gods
  - b. The sea
  - c. The sun
  - d. War & wisdom
10. Helios is the god of...
- a. The sky & ruler of all gods
  - b. The sea
  - c. The sun
  - d. War & wisdom
11. Athena is the goddess of...
- a. The sky & ruler of all gods
  - b. The sea
  - c. The sun
  - d. War & wisdom
12. How do Odysseus and his men escape the cave of the cyclops?
- a. Poison the Cyclops' wine
  - b. Get him drunk on wine and wait until he falls asleep to sneak out
  - c. Underneath the Cyclops' sheep
  - d. By playing music and lulling the Cyclops to sleep before sneaking out
13. Who/what are Scylla and Charybdis?
- a. Whirlpool and sea monster
  - b. Men who help Odysseus defeat the suitors
  - c. Suitors wishing to marry Penelope
  - d. Islands that Odysseus and his men encounter on their journey
14. What does Odysseus describe as the “far worst he ever suffered”?
- a. Watching his men become dismembered by the Cyclops
  - b. His men be eaten alive and drowning while he watches, helpless
  - c. Deaths his men suffered in the Trojan War
  - d. Having to fight off the suitors to regain his place as “king” of Ithaca
15. When stopping at the island of the Lotus Eaters, what happens to the men that wander onto the island?
- a. They are killed by the carnivorous Lotus blossoms
  - b. They are slaughtered by locals
  - c. They are entranced and refuse to leave the island
  - d. They are given food and wine and sent back on their ship
16. Who is Antinous?

- a. Odysseus' son
  - b. Odysseus' dog that waited
  - c. Leader of the suitors
  - d. One of Penelope's house attendants
17. How does Odysseus' ship get destroyed?
- a. Zeus destroys it with a thunderbolt
  - b. The Cyclops destroys it with a boulder from a mountain top
  - c. It gets sucked into a whirlpool
  - d. Poseidon gets revenge and capsizes the ship
18. Who survives the trip home to Ithaca?
- a. Odysseus
  - b. Odysseus and Eurymachus
  - c. Most of his men
  - d. Eurynome
19. Who is Telemachus?
- a. Odysseus' son
  - b. Odysseus' dog that waited
  - c. Leader of the suitors
  - d. One of Penelope's house attendants
20. How does Odysseus make it to land on Ithaca?
- a. He floats on the mast of his ship until he hits land
  - b. His ship arrives safely with help from Poseidon
  - c. Athena transports him after conquering all of the obstacles of his journey
  - d. He is picked up by another ship and given food and drink
21. Upon arriving home, which god/goddess helps Odysseus change his appearance to look like an old, tattered beggar?
- a. Zeus
  - b. Athena
  - c. Poseidon
  - d. Aphrodite
22. What task must Odysseus conquer to win Penelope's hand in marriage?
- a. String a bow and shoot it through ax handles
  - b. Fight and kill all of the suitors in his home
  - c. Pray to the gods and goddesses of Mount Olympus for his wrongdoings
  - d. Umm... I don't know
23. How does Odysseus manage to kill all of the suitors in his home?
- a. Polyphemus helps him
  - b. He receives help from Telemachus and Athena
  - c. He is skilled in combat and a good shot
  - d. He doesn't kill all of the suitors, but scares off the rest
24. How has Penelope avoided marrying a suitor during the time Odysseus has been away?

- a. She is honest and tells the suitors she is not yet ready to marry
  - b. She hides in her home while they rummage through her food and wine
  - c. She pretends to be ill to avoid marriage
  - d. She weaves his death shroud during the day and unstrings it at night
25. How long has Odysseus been gone from home?
- a. 5 years
  - b. 10 years
  - c. 15 years
  - d. 20 years

26. At the end of the story, how does Penelope confirm that Odysseus is truly the person he claims to be?
- a. He kisses her and she recognizes him immediately
  - b. He describes their bedroom in detail, including the bed he crafted by hand
  - c. Penelope quizzes Odysseus about their past together
  - d. Odysseus is able to string his bow correctly and swiftly

*\*When finished, check over your answers and make sure you didn't skip any on your answer sheet. Then, hand in this quiz copy, as well as your Scantron sheet on the back counter. As you do, give me a high five to test whether or not you read these instructions. Finally, while you wait, find something QUIET to do until everyone has finished- work on SSR, read, or find other work.\**