



THE ODYSSEY - BOOKS 1-6

COLOR-BY-NUMBER QUESTIONS

DIRECTIONS: Answer each question. Use the COLOR beside the correct answer for every picture section bearing that question number. Use colored pencils; leave no numbered region blank.

1. Athena's visit to Telemachus in Book 1 mainly begins-

- A. Odysseus's final battle with the suitors.
- B. Telemachus's growth from passivity toward action.
- C. Penelope's decision to leave Ithaca.
- D. Poseidon's reconciliation with Odysseus.

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2. The suitors' behavior in Odysseus's palace violates xenia because they-

- A. consume their host's wealth while abusing his household.
- B. refuse to participate in athletic contests.
- C. challenge Telemachus to travel abroad.
- D. prevent strangers from entering Ithaca.

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3. Why is Telemachus's assembly in Book 2 important?

- A. It immediately forces the suitors to leave.
- B. It proves the gods have abandoned Ithaca.
- C. It is his first public attempt to claim authority.
- D. It gives Penelope control of the kingdom.

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4. Telemachus's journey to Pylos and Sparta primarily represents-

- A. his effort to escape responsibility at home.
- B. his search for knowledge and a mature identity.
- C. his plan to replace Odysseus as king.
- D. his rejection of Athena's guidance.

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5. Nestor's stories in Book 3 help Telemachus understand that-

- A. homecoming depends on choices, loyalty, and divine forces.
- B. every Greek leader returned home safely.
- C. Odysseus has already returned secretly.
- D. the Trojan War had no lasting consequences.

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6. Menelaus's account of Proteus gives Telemachus-

- A. proof that Poseidon supports Odysseus.
- B. confirmation that Odysseus lives but remains trapped.
- C. instructions for defeating the suitors.
- D. evidence that Odysseus chose to abandon Ithaca.

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7. Odysseus's rejection of Calypso's offer of immortality emphasizes-

- A. his desire for fame above all else.
- B. his distrust of every immortal.
- C. nostos: his commitment to home and human life.
- D. hubris: his belief that he is a god.

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8. Odysseus's encounter with Nausicaa reveals his ability to-

- A. use restraint and persuasive speech while vulnerable.
- B. hide his identity through supernatural disguise.
- C. defeat danger through physical strength alone.
- D. command strangers because he is a king.

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FINAL ANALYSIS - 5-7 COMPLETE SENTENCES

Explain how Books 1-6 develop the idea that a hero needs more than physical strength. Discuss Telemachus's growth, Odysseus's perseverance, hospitality, divine influence, and one important choice. Use at least three specific details.

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