

The Odyssey - Books 13-16 Quiz

Student Quiz

10 Questions | High School

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question. Each question is worth 1 point. Total: 10 points.

1. How does Odysseus finally arrive back in Ithaca at the beginning of Book 13?

- A. The Phaeacians carry him there while he sleeps and leave him on shore with his gifts.
- B. He swims to Ithaca alone after his raft breaks apart.
- C. Poseidon carries him there after ending his anger.
- D. Athena transports him directly from Phaeacia to his palace.

2. What does Poseidon do to the Phaeacian ship after it has carried Odysseus home?

- A. He drives it back to Ithaca with a storm.
- B. He turns it to stone near the Phaeacian shore.
- C. He sinks it with all of its crew at sea.
- D. He sends it to Troy instead of Phaeacia.

3. Why does Athena change Odysseus's appearance after he wakes in Ithaca?

- A. To make Penelope recognize him immediately
- B. To help him enter a Phaeacian athletic contest
- C. To conceal his identity while he prepares to deal with the suitors
- D. To convince Telemachus that Odysseus is dead

4. How does Eumaeus treat the disguised Odysseus when he arrives at the swineherd's farm?

- A. He welcomes him, gives him food and shelter, and speaks loyally of his absent master.
- B. He recognizes him immediately and calls Penelope to the farm.
- C. He refuses to admit a stranger because the suitors have threatened him.
- D. He sends him at once to the palace to ask the suitors for food.

5. How does Eumaeus respond when the disguised Odysseus assures him that Odysseus will return?

- A. He immediately goes to Ithaca to announce the news.
- B. He does not believe the claim, although he continues to treat the stranger kindly.
- C. He accuses the stranger of being one of the suitors.
- D. He asks the stranger to leave and never return.

6. What danger does Athena warn Telemachus about when she urges him to return to Ithaca?

- A. Menelaus plans to keep him in Sparta permanently.
- B. Poseidon has ordered the Phaeacians to capture him.
- C. The suitors are waiting in ambush to kill him.
- D. Circe has sent a spell to prevent his return.

7. Where does Telemachus go after he lands safely in Ithaca instead of returning directly to the palace?

- A. To Laertes's house
- B. To Eumaeus's farmyard
- C. To the temple of Apollo
- D. To the Phaeacian harbor

8. What message does Telemachus ask Eumaeus to take to Penelope in Book 16?

- A. That Telemachus has returned safely from his journey
- B. That Penelope should leave Ithaca immediately
- C. That Menelaus is coming to fight the suitors
- D. That Odysseus has publicly entered the palace

9. How does Telemachus learn that the stranger in Eumaeus's hut is really his father?

- A. Eumaeus recognizes Odysseus and tells Telemachus.
- B. Penelope sends a message identifying the stranger.
- C. Athena changes Odysseus's appearance, and Odysseus reveals himself to his son.
- D. Telemachus recognizes Odysseus by the bow he is carrying.

10. As Odysseus and Telemachus plan how to deal with the suitors, what does Odysseus instruct Telemachus to do?

- A. Challenge Antinous to single combat in the assembly.
- B. Hide the weapons and keep Odysseus's identity secret while they prepare.
- C. Sail back to Sparta and ask Menelaus for an army.
- D. Tell all the servants that Odysseus has returned.