

## The Odyssey - Books 21-24 Quiz

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### 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. What must a suitor do to win Penelope's contest in Book 21?**

- A. Defeat Telemachus in a wrestling match
- B. String Odysseus's bow and shoot an arrow through all twelve axes
- C. Throw a spear through twelve bronze rings
- D. Identify Odysseus's bow among several weapons

**2. What happens when Telemachus tries to string Odysseus's bow?**

- A. He cannot bend the bow at all and immediately gives up.
- B. He strings it on his first attempt but cannot shoot through the axes.
- C. He nearly succeeds on his fourth attempt, but Odysseus signals him to stop.
- D. He breaks the bow while trying to bend it.

**3. Before Eumaeus hands Odysseus the bow, to which two loyal servants does Odysseus reveal his identity?**

- A. Eumaeus and Philoetius
- B. Eurycleia and Melantho
- C. Medon and Phemius
- D. Melanthius and Dolius

**4. What does Odysseus do after he receives his bow at the end of Book 21?**

- A. He hides it and waits until the next morning to act.
- B. He gives it to Telemachus to complete the contest.
- C. He strings it and shoots an arrow through the axe heads.
- D. He breaks it so none of the suitors can use it.

**5. Who is the first suitor Odysseus kills when the fighting begins in Book 22?**

- A. Antinous
- B. Eurymachus
- C. Amphinomus
- D. Leiodes

**6. How does Melanthius help the suitors during the battle in the palace?**

- A. He opens the courtyard gate so they can escape.
- B. He brings armor and weapons to them from the storeroom.
- C. He convinces Athena to stop helping Odysseus.
- D. He leads Penelope and the servants out of the palace.

**7. Why do Odysseus and his household arrange music and dancing after the suitors have been killed?**

- A. To celebrate Telemachus's return from Sparta
- B. To honor the dead suitors before their burial
- C. To make people outside think a wedding is taking place and delay news of the killings
- D. To persuade Penelope to come downstairs

**8. What secret about their marriage bed finally convinces Penelope that the man before her is truly Odysseus?**

- A. Odysseus knows the bed was carved from a living olive tree rooted in place.
- B. Odysseus knows a sword is hidden beneath the bed.
- C. Odysseus knows Penelope replaced the bed while he was away.
- D. Odysseus knows the bed was a wedding gift from Menelaus.

**9. What does Odysseus do when he first meets his father Laertes in Book 24?**

- A. He immediately tells Laertes everything that happened in the palace.
- B. He first tests Laertes with a false story before revealing his identity.
- C. He asks Telemachus to reveal his identity for him.
- D. He remains disguised and never tells Laertes who he is.

**10. How is the final conflict between Odysseus's supporters and the Ithacans brought to an end?**

- A. Menelaus arrives with an army and orders both sides to stop.
- B. Odysseus defeats every remaining opponent in single combat.
- C. Penelope addresses the Ithacans and persuades them to leave.
- D. Athena stops the fighting, and a lasting treaty is established between the two sides.