

The Odyssey — Books 5–8 Quiz

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

1. In Book 5, which god carries Zeus's order telling Calypso that Odysseus must be allowed to leave?

- A. Apollo
- B. Hermes
- C. Poseidon
- D. Athena

2. What happens after Odysseus leaves Calypso's island on a raft?

- A. Zeus sends an eagle to guide him directly to Ithaca.
- B. Poseidon sends a storm that destroys the raft.
- C. Calypso changes her mind and brings him back to Ogygia.
- D. Phaeacian sailors immediately find him and take him aboard.

3. Which sea goddess helps Odysseus after his raft is destroyed?

- A. Leucothea
- B. Artemis
- C. Hera
- D. Persephone

4. In Book 6, what task does Athena inspire Nausicaa to undertake at the river?

- A. Gather flowers for a temple
- B. Wash the household clothing
- C. Prepare a sacrifice to Poseidon
- D. Search for a missing servant

5. What does Nausicaa tell Odysseus to do when he reaches her parents' palace?

- A. Ask King Alcinous to challenge the suitors in Ithaca
- B. Seek the favor of Queen Arete by approaching her at the hearth
- C. Hide in the palace orchard until nightfall
- D. Ask the palace servants for a ship without speaking to the royal family

6. How does Athena help Odysseus move through the Phaeacian city in Book 7?

- A. She disguises him as a Phaeacian soldier.
- B. She surrounds him with a mist so people do not notice him.
- C. She gives him a chariot and royal clothing.
- D. She sends Hermes to escort him through the streets.

7. What does King Alcinous promise to help Odysseus do?

- A. Return to his native land
- B. Conquer Troy again
- C. Find Telemachus in Sparta
- D. Become king of Phaeacia

8. Who is Demodocus in Book 8?

- A. A Phaeacian shipbuilder
- B. The blind minstrel at Alcinous's court
- C. Nausicaa's eldest brother
- D. A herald sent by Zeus

9. What prompts Odysseus to take part in the Phaeacian athletic competition?

- A. Athena orders him to compete.
- B. Alcinous offers him a ship only if he wins.
- C. Euryalus insults him and questions his athletic ability.
- D. Demodocus challenges him to a wrestling match.

10. Near the end of Book 8, what does Demodocus sing about before Alcinous asks Odysseus to reveal his identity?

- A. The death of Agamemnon
- B. The wooden horse at Troy
- C. The birth of Athena
- D. The voyage of Menelaus to Egypt