The Odyssey
Part I Test

Match the name of the character with the correct description.

1. _____ Laertes’ son
2. _____ goddess of wisdom; helps Odysseus
3. _____ son of Odysseus
4. _____ beautiful nymph who imprisons Odysseus for seven years
5. _____ one-eyed Cyclops
6. _____ the most powerful god
7. _____ god of the sea
8. _____ wife of Odysseus
9. _____ fed Odysseus’ men a plant that made them forget home
10. _____ singers of music

Match the location with its description.

11. _____ where Circe lives
12. _____ where the gods live
13. _____ where a great war was fought
14. _____ where Odysseus wants to be

a. Zeus
b. Athena
c. Calypso
d. Penelope
e. Polyphemus
f. Telemachus
g. Sirens
h. Poseidon
i. Odysseus
j. Lotus Eaters

a. Ithaca
b. Troy
c. Aeaea
d. Olympus
Mark the letter of the correct answer in the blank.

15._____ Why does Odysseus blind Polyphemus rather than kill him?
   a. Teiresias tells him to.
   b. Odysseus doesn’t want to anger Poseidon.
   c. Only Polyphemus can move the boulder blocking the cave’s entrance.

16._____ How does Odysseus save his men from the Sirens’ songs?
   a. plugging their ears with beeswax
   b. singing louder than the Sirens
   c. ordering them to row faster

17._____ Teiresias and Circe predict something that Odysseus doesn’t tell his men. They think that Odysseus will:
   a. have more adventures that will keep him from home for another ten years
   b. survive but return home alone
   c. be tipped over in the boat

18._____ What Circe and the Sirens have in common:
   a. they can change the form of men
   b. they tempt and destroy men
   c. they both can predict the future

19._____ Which of these best describes Odysseus?
   a. honest
   b. intelligent
   c. cowardly

20._____ Who wrote the Odyssey?
   a. Zeus
   b. Homer
   c. Athena
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- Ithaca
- Troy
- Aeaea
- Olympus

Know these characters:
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- Athena
- Calypso
- Penelope
- Polyphemus
- Telemachus
- Sirens
- Poseidon
- Odysseus
- Lotus Eaters
Who wrote the Odyssey?

Which best describes Odysseus-intelligent or cowardly?

Circe and the Sirens can both do what-tempt and destroy men or predict what will happen in the future?

Teiresias and Circe think that Odysseus will tip over in his boat or survive but return home alone?

Odysseus saved his men from the Siren’s songs by plugging their ears with beeswax or by telling the men to row faster?

Odysseus blinds the Cyclops Polyphemus instead of killing him because he is told to or because only Polyphemus is strong enough to move the boulder that is blocking the cave?