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The Odyssey

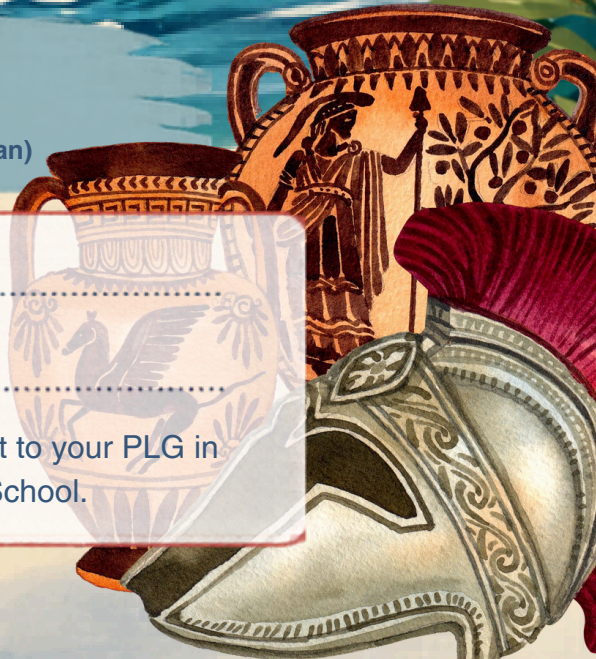
By Homer

(adapted by Geraldine McCaughrean)

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Remember to hand your completed booklet to your PLG in
your first week at The Radclyffe School.



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This summer, you'll be setting off on an exciting journey through The Odyssey before you begin Year 7 at The Radclyffe School!

Throughout the holidays, members of staff from our school will guide you through the story by reading the first six chapters. Simply scan the QR code or visit our website and watch each chapter video. As you progress through the story, complete the activities in this booklet. These include quizzes, creative tasks and opportunities to explore the characters, settings and adventures you encounter along the way.

Work through the booklet at your own pace over the summer, then bring it with you on your first day in Year 7. We can't wait to see the fantastic work you've completed and celebrate the start of your next adventure. Enjoy the journey and happy reading!

Project checklist

Before you hand your booklet in to your PLG in September, double check all the activities below have been completed. Tick next to each task when you have completed it.

Chapter 1: Yearning for Home		
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Chapter 2: The Sea God's One-Eyed Son		
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Chapter 4: The Pig Woman		
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Chapter 6: Beauties and Beasts		
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Who's who?

Characters in The Odyssey

 This means when you don't live forever!

Mortals

- **Odysseus:** King of Ithaca and hero of Troy
- **Polites:** Odysseus' best friend
- **Penelope:** Queen of Ithaca and wife of Odysseus
- **Eurylochus:** one of Odysseus' men
- **Telemachus:** Odysseus' son

Creatures, monsters and others who Odysseus meets on his journey home

- **The Lotus Eaters:** Island people who feed visitors deadly fruit
- **Polyphemus:** a cyclops
- **King of Aeolia:** a kindly, curious King
- **Circe:** a sorceress
- **Tiresias:** an Oracle (someone who sees the future)
- **Siren Singers:** vile creatures who appear to sailors as beautiful women with bewitching voices
- **Scylla:** a six headed serpent
- **Calypso:** a sea nymph
- **King Alcinous:** the rich and powerful king of Scheria
- **Argos:** the faithful hound



Who's who?

Gods in myths and legends

In the *Odyssey* you'll meet many of these Greek Gods, such as Zeus and Poseidon. Others, you may know about already from Primary school, or your own personal interest.

Zeus is considered the ruler, protector and the father of all Gods and humans. In statues and in stories, he is often portrayed as an older man with a beard and a lightning bolt in hand.

Hera is the Goddess of women, marriage, family and childbirth in the ancient Greek religion. She is one of the Twelve Olympians.

Hermes is the God of trade, thieves and travellers, as well as the guide to the Underworld. He is known to be quick and cunning and act as a messenger between Gods and mortals.

The God of the seas, water, storms, hurricanes, earthquakes and horses is **Poseidon**. His symbols include the trident, horse and dolphin.

Demeter is the Goddess of the harvest, nature and the seasons. She is often more commonly worshipped as a Goddess of the Earth.

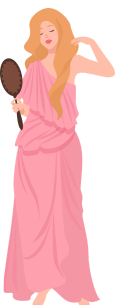
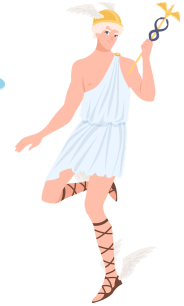
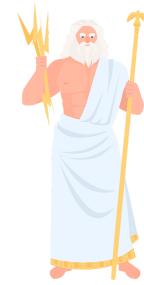
Athena is the Goddess of wisdom and warfare. She is the daughter of Zeus, and her symbol includes an owl.

Twins **Apollo** and **Artemis** have different responsibilities. The God **Apollo** is the God of light, the suns and the arts, whereas his twin **Artemis**, is the Goddess of the hunt, protection and childbirth.

The God of war and violence is **Ares**. It is said that all other Gods despise (hate) him, except for **Aphrodite**.

Aphrodite is the Goddess of love and beauty, and her symbols include the dove, swan and rose

Last but not least, **Hephaestus** was the master blacksmith for all of the Gods.



Chapter 1

Yearning for Home

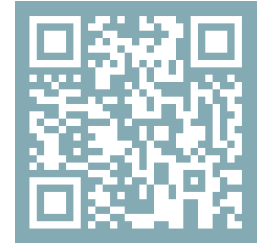
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Which staff member read this chapter? _____

Activity 1: Quiz

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Activity 2: Crime and Punishment

In this story, we will learn a lot about the crimes committed against Greek Gods and the punishments they were given. Some Greek Gods could give out very harsh punishments!

Task: Imagine you are a Greek God. For different crimes, describe what punishment you would give.

Things which the Greek Gods disliked:

- Stealing
- Trickery
- Thinking you're more powerful/better than the Gods (arrogance, but this is also known as hubris)
- Rudeness to guests/visitors
- Making unkind comments about others

The Crime	The Punishment
Stealing	

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Chapter 2

The Sea God's One-Eyed Son

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Re-cap: In chapter 1, Odysseus and his men decided to go home after 10 years fighting in wars. However, some men ate the Lotus Fruit, and forgot all their friends and families. Luckily, Odysseus got them to safety.

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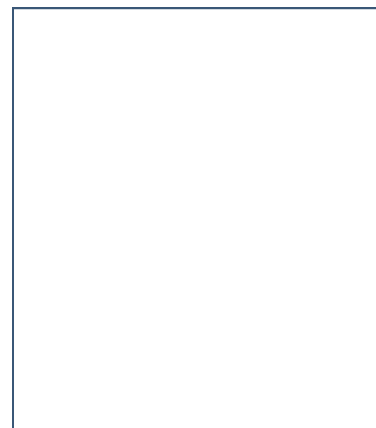


Activity 2: Vocabulary Task

Mascot: a person, animal or thing that people believe will bring them good luck, or that represents an organization or event

In this chapter, we are introduced to the mascot which Odysseus has on his ship (a cockerel). Describe in the space below what mascot you would have with you to bring you good luck. You can also include an image.

Tick here once you've completed the activity



Activity 3: Creative Challenge

Get creative this summer! Create a poem, comic, painting, model, song, or any other piece of work inspired by The Odyssey or Greek mythology. Bring your masterpiece with you on your first day in September. We can't wait to see it!

Tick here once you've completed the activity

Chapter 3

The Brass Island and the Bag of Winds

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Which staff member read this chapter? _____

Re-cap: Odysseus and his men were captured by Polyphemus the cyclops. They eventually escaped the cave by holding onto the bellies of the sheep Polyphemus was letting outside. As they left, the cyclops cursed Odysseus.

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Activity 2: Vocabulary Task

A **trident** is a three-pronged spear. It comes from the word 'tri' meaning 'three' and 'dent' meaning 'teeth'. On the lines below, list any words linked to three that use the prefix 'tri', such as 'triathlon'.

Tick here once you've completed the activity

Activity 3: Story Challenge

We have met a lot of characters so far in our story, and experienced a lot of events. What is your favourite character or event so far? (Write in a full sentence.)

Explain below, in full sentences, why you picked this character or event as your favourite:

Tick here once you've completed the activity

Chapter 4

The Pig Woman

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Which staff member read this chapter? _____

Re-cap: In chapter 3, Odysseus and his men were greeted by a King who gave them a bag of the eight winds of the world. Someone on Odysseus' boat opened it, leading to the boat crashing into an island full of cannibals, who ate many of the crew. Not many of Odysseus' men survived.

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Activity 2: Creative Challenge

In Chapter 4, Odysseus' men are enchanted after eating from a feast which has been prepared by Circe. After eating the irresistible feast, the men were turned into pigs. In the space below, complete **one** of the tasks:

1. Draw or describe a feast you would love to attend. You could include what types of food you would want there, as well as who you would want to attend the feast.
2. Draw or describe what kind of magical powers you could have if you could choose anything. In this case, Circe can enchant people to become pigs, but your powers could be anything!

Tick here once you've completed the activity

Chapter 5

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Alive Among the Dead

Which staff member read this chapter? _____

Re-cap: In chapter 4, Odysseus and his men ended up on Circe's island. She turned Odysseus' men into pigs, but it didn't work on Odysseus as he had the cure. To stop him killing her, she turned his men back and said if he stayed with her for a month, she would tell him how to get back home.

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Activity 2: Creative Challenge

In Chapter 5, Odysseus and his men go to the Underworld, which is where the dead are sent to. A region of the Underworld includes the area called Elysium. Elysium in Greek Mythology, is a paradise where heroes were sent after death.

Task: Draw a picture below of what you think Elysium looks like. This is the Greeks version of Heaven. Alternatively, draw Tartarus (the Greek version of Hell).

Tick here once you've completed the activity

Chapter 6

Beauties and Beasts

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Which staff member read this chapter? _____

Re-cap: In chapter 5, Odysseus and his men visited the underworld. They saw one of their crew, and Odysseus saw his mother. The Oracles in the Underworld told Odysseus how to get home, but the way ahead was incredibly dangerous.

Activity 1: Quiz

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Activity 2: Vocabulary Task

Proud: Feeling pleased and satisfied about something that you own or have done, or are connected with.

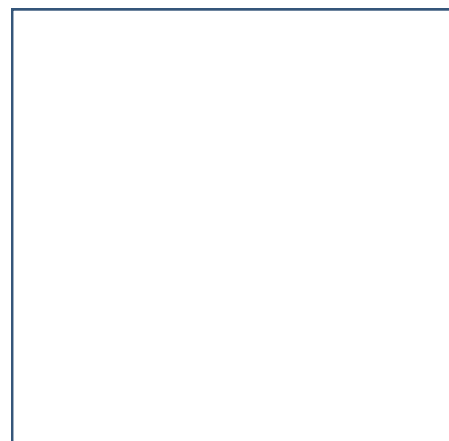
In this chapter, Odysseus mentions he is proud of his men for how quickly they have rowed past the sirens and the other monsters. On the lines below, describe a time where you have been proud of something you have done/achieved and why it made you proud of yourself:

Tick here once you've completed the activity

Activity 3: Story Challenge

In this chapter, we met three monsters: Scylla, Charybdis and the Sirens. Below, describe what one of these monsters look like and include a small image!

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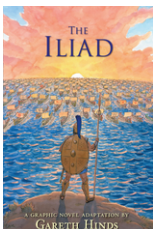
Recommended reads

Looking for your next read? If you're enjoying *The Odyssey* and the world of Greek myths and legends, why not try one of these recommended reads next?



Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans: When Elliot wishes upon a star, he doesn't expect a constellation to crash into a dungheap on his family farm. The star is Virgo. She thinks she's perfect. Elliot doesn't. And together they release Thanatos, evil Daemon of Death ... epic fail. They need the King of the Gods and his noble steed. Instead, they get a chubby Zeus and his high horse Pegasus. Are the Gods really ready to save the world? And is the world really ready for the Gods?

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave: When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster filled wasteland – and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep. Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself.



The Iliad – Graphic Novel adapted by Gareth Hinds: A crisis point in the Trojan War – Achilles, hero of the Greeks and leader of the ferocious Myrmidons, smoulders in anger against Agamemnon, the most powerful of the Greek leaders. As long as Achilles refuses to fight, the Greeks are destined to fail, pushed back ever further from the stronghold city of Troy by Hector and Paris' Trojan army. Above the fighting on Mount Olympus, the gods watch on, each allied to a different warrior and each willing to extend the hand of divine intervention to ensure their success...

The Fire Thief by Terry Deary: To escape the gods' revenge, Prometheus, the Titan who stole fire from the gods and gave it to the human race, travels through time to a murky metropolis called Eden City where he befriends a motley assortment of characters and learns what humans have done with his gift.



Inkheart by Cornelia Funke: Meggie loves stories, but her father, Mo, hasn't read to her since her mother disappeared. When a stranger knocks at their door, Mo is forced to reveal an extraordinary secret – when he reads aloud, words come alive, and dangerous characters step out of the pages. Suddenly Meggie is living the kind of adventure she has only read about in books, but this one will change her life for ever ..

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan: Half boy. Half God. ALL Hero. I was just a normal kid, I went to school, played sports and hung out with my best friend. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now, I spend my time at Camp Half Blood, battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive. And now that Zeus thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt, staying alive is going to be even harder....



Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston: Amari Peters knows three things. Her big brother Quinton has gone missing. No one will talk about it. His mysterious job holds the secret... So when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon.

Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms by Jamar J. Perry: Cameron Battle grew up reading *The Book of Chidani*, cherishing stories about the fabled kingdom that cut itself off from the world to save the Igbo people from danger. Passed down over generations, the Book is Cameron's only connection to his parents who disappeared one fateful night, two years ago. Ever since, his grandmother has kept the Book locked away, but it calls to Cameron. When he and his best friends Zion and Aliyah decide to open it again, they are magically transported to Chidani. Instead of a land of beauty and wonder, they find a kingdom in extreme danger, as the Queen's sister seeks to destroy the barrier between worlds. The people of Chidani have been waiting for the last Descendant to return and save them . . . is Cameron ready to be the hero?



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