

BOOK XVIII: HOW ODYSSEUS FOUGHT THE STURDY BEGGAR

1. Why does Odysseus get in a fight with Iros? Who wins?
2. What trick does Penelope play on the suitors in this book?
3. Which three characters anger Odysseus in this book?

BOOK XIX: HOW THE OLD NURSE KNEW HER MASTER

1. What does Odysseus the beggar tell Penelope about Odysseus?
3. How did Odysseus get the scar on his leg?
4. Describe Penelope's challenge for the suitors.

BOOK XX: HOW GOD SENT OMENS OF THE WRATH TO COME

1. Name two people who are cruel to Odysseus the beggar.
2. Who proves himself to be a kind and faithful servant?
3. What do you think Odysseus is going to do to the suitors?

BOOK XXI: THE CONTEST WITH THE GREAT BOW

1. Whom does Odysseus trust to help him defeat the suitors?
2. Why don't the men want Odysseus to try to string the bow?
3. How does Odysseus prove his true identity?

BOOK XXII: THE BATTLE IN THE HALL

1. What did Odysseus prove about his abilities when he shot the arrow through the twelve axes? Why is that important now?
2. Whom does Odysseus kill first? Why?
3. How does Eurymachos plead his case with Odysseus?
4. Whom does Telemachos catch raiding the storeroom of weapons, and what do they do with him?
5. How does Odysseus identify the unfaithful maids?
6. What does Odysseus do to the unfaithful maids?
7. What is done to Melanthios?

BOOK XXIII: HOW ODYSSEUS FOUND HIS WIFE AGAIN

1. How does Penelope test Odysseus?
2. Why does she test him?
3. Describe the one last task that Tiresias told Odysseus to complete. What will be his reward for this task?
4. After Odysseus tells Penelope about all his adventures, he sets off again. What does he go to do? What does he tell Penelope to do?

BOOK XXIV: HOW ODYSSEUS FOUND HIS OLD FATHER AND HOW THE STORY ENDED

1. How does Odysseus prove that he is really Laertes' son?
2. What is Laertes afraid of?
3. Who comes to battle Odysseus? Whom are they led by?
4. Whom does Odysseus kill?
5. Who stops the battle?