

**The *Odyssey*, Part 1** by Homer

**Literary Analysis: The Epic Hero**

In the *Odyssey*, **the epic hero** Odysseus embodies the Greek ideals of a “strong mind in a strong body.” He is someone who nobly represents a balance of physical and intellectual possibilities,

what a man can and should be. Homer’s work influenced later generations in Greece, including the great philosophers Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle.

**DIRECTIONS:** Consider the adventures in the left column of the following chart. Then determine what evidence is contained in each adventure to support the position that Odysseus had superior physical and intellectual prowess. Write your answers in the chart.

Adventure	Evidence of Physical Ability	Evidence of Intellectual Prowess
1. The Lotus-Eaters		
2. The Cyclops		
3. The Sirens		
4. Scylla and Charybdis		

