

The Odyssey Essay Test

* Answer the following 2 questions within well-written paragraphs (minimum of 5 sentences per paragraph). Be sure to answer the questions and to use support from the story. Use a separate piece of paper.

1. How do the men of Odysseus' crew feel about him? Do you think they regard him as a hero? Why or why not?
2. In general, does Odysseus control his own destiny, or is his fate determined by the gods?
3. Write a job description for an epic hero. Detail the physical and mental requirements that such a role demands. Use Odysseus and his feats as a model for your description.
4. Throughout much of Part 2 of *The Odyssey*, Odysseus is disguised as a beggar. In an essay, explain why he remains in disguise to all but Telemachus for so long. Why does Odysseus let the suitors treat him as a lowly beggar? At what point does he discard his disguise and reveal who he is?