English 92

***The Odyssey***

Study Guide: Part Two

*Twenty Years Gone… (pg 1090)*

1. Where has Odysseus arrived?
2. How long has he been away?
3. What is going on at Odysseus’ home?
4. Who is Penelope?
5. Who is Telemachus?
6. What goddess helps Odysseus?
7. What does she do for him?
8. Does she appear to Telemachus?
9. What does she want Odysseus to do for Telemachus?
10. What does Telemachus think has happened?
11. What does Odysseus tell him?
12. What does Odysseus want to do?
13. What information does Telemachus give?
14. According to Odysseus, who is on their side?
15. What plan do they concoct?

*Argus (pg 1096)*

1. Who is Argus?
2. How has Argus been treated since Odysseus left?
3. How does he respond to seeing Odysseus?
4. What lesson are we learn from Argus?

*The Suitors (pg 1097)*

1. How is Odysseus dressed?
2. How does Antinous treat Odysseus?
3. What does Odysseus say that angers him
4. What does Antinous do?
5. What distinction about violence does Odysseus make?
6. What does one of the young suitors say about manners?
7. How does Telemachus respond?
8. How does Penelope respond?
9. What does Penelope ask her maid to do?
10. How is this dramatic irony?

*Penelope (pg 1100)*

1. What does Penelope ask “the begger”?
2. What does “the beggar” say about Penelope?
3. What has been happening, according to Penelope, since Odysseus left?
4. What trick did Penelope devise against the suitors?
5. How long did it work?
6. What happened to stop it?
7. What does “the beggar” tell Penelope about Odysseus?
8. Explain how this scene is an example of dramatic irony.

*The Challenge (pg 1103)*

1. What does Penelope agree to do?
2. What is the condition?
3. How do the men fare?
4. Who asks for a turn?
5. Is he successful?
6. What does Odysseus hear that encourages him?

# Odysseus’ Revenge (pg 1107)

1. How does Odysseus reveal himself?
2. Who does he ask for help?
3. Who is the first man he kills?
4. Do you think Odysseus’ rage at the men is justified?
5. Who do the men try to blame?
6. How does Odysseus respond?
7. What characteristic of epic heroes does Odysseus show in the battle with the suitors?

# Penelope’s Test (pg 1111)

1. What does Penelope ask Odysseus to do?
2. What happens to Odysseus appearance?
3. What does Odysseus tell the maid in reference to Penelope?
4. How does Penelope respond?
5. What secret did Penelope and Odysseus have between them?
6. What defense do Penelope give for her actions?
7. How does it all end?