

Homer [ca 750 BCE], *Odyssey*, Books 1 & 6

Epic [comic plot]

Out of Childhood --

The Hero Inspires

I. READ Book 1 of the Odyssey by Homer (Lattimore translation).

MAKE your analysis, **MARK** margins, **FILL** in blanks as before.

BUT note a **new dimension** in your reading: since you have already read one work by Homer, it is natural to **compare** the two works: similarities and differences between the two works will keep coming to mind.

The work sheets that follow are designed to help in the game of comparative reading.

Line Numbers MAIN POINTS to be MARKED: Who? Where? When? What? Why? How?

FAMILIAR POINTS to mark --
WHO? WHERE? WHEN? WHAT? WHY?

NEW point: compare with ILIAD Bk 1 for
main *SIMILARITIES* & main
DIFFERENCES:

1-10: _____

11-21: _____

22-95: Gods at Home _____

[96-448]: Place & general topic: _____
96-324: _____

325-364: _____

365-419: _____

420-444: _____

STUDY QUESTIONS: Answer very briefly & succinctly the following --

(1) WHAT [The Action]: why would it be difficult to sum up this book in ONE sentence? _____

2) WHO: situation of the main human Characters: in what way is this imagined as a CRUCIAL time in their **lives**? _____

NEW QUESTIONS: GENRE & TRADITION

1) SIMILARITY: main ways in which this work resembles the Iliad.

2) DIFFERENCE: main ways in which this work differs from the Iliad:

3) The Personal Equation -- consider the relationship between Mother and Son: how does it RESEMBLE such relationships in the Iliad?

In what important ways does it DIFFER from the most important Mother-Son relationships in the Iliad? _____

II. READ Book 6 of the Odyssey by Homer (Lattimore trans.).

MAKE your analysis, **MARK** margins, **FILL** in blanks as before.

BUT again note the **new factors** in your reading.

Line Numbers MAIN POINTS to be MARKED: Who? Where? When? What? Why? How?

1-47: _____

48-109: _____

110-197: _____

198-250: _____

251-331: _____

STUDY QUESTIONS: Answer very briefly & succinctly the following --

1) Situation? _____

2) Personal Equation: how does Odysseus's behavior here RESEMBLE what you have seen of him in the Iliad? _____

In what important does the picture here of Odysseus DIFFER from what you had seen and why? (For example, what is his purpose here?)

3) Women in the Odyssey: main differences from the women of the Iliad?
