“Scylla and Charybdis” Questions

Directions: Answer using complete sentences and the question stem.

1. In Odysseus right to keep his decision to sail toward Scylla a secret from his men? Give reasons for your opinion.
2. As Odysseus and his crew near Scylla and Charybdis, how do the men react?
3. Describe how Scylla kills six of the men.
4. How does Odysseus show himself to an effective leader of men during this episode?
5. Why do you think Odysseus chooses to sail toward Scylla rather than Charybdis?
6. This episode inspired a famous saying: “caught between Scylla and Charybdis.” What do you think it means?