The Odyssey

“The Cyclops” Questions

Directions: Respond using complete sentences. Use the questions stem in your response.

1. What do you think of Odysseus’ plan for escaping from Polyphemus? How else could he have escaped?
2. Describe Polyphemus and his home.
3. Why does Odysseus not kill Polyphemus when he first gets an opportunity to do so?
4. What does Odysseus do to blind Polyphemus and ultimately escape from him?
5. What survival qualities does Odysseus exhibit in his conflict with Polyphemus?
6. What does Odysseus do in this episode that can be considered heroic?
7. What does Odysseus do in this episode that can be considered not heroic?