“The Land of the Dead” Questions

Directions: Respond using complete sentences and the questions stem.

1. Do Tiresias’ predictions and advice seem reasonable to you? Explain
2. What does the ghost of Elpenor request?
3. What does Tiresias foretell?
4. What directions and warnings does Tiresias give?
5. What character traits does Odysseus display in this episode that he did not reveal in his adventure with the Cyclops?
6. Describe Odysseus’ reaction to the appearance of his mother’s ghost.
7. Explain one heroic thing that Odysseus does during the “Land of the Dead” and one non-heroic thing that he does. The non-heroic thing may have happened on Circe’s island and is mentioned by Elpenor.