**“The Lotus Eaters” Questions**

**Directions: Answer using complete sentences. Use a portion of the question stem in your responses.**

1. Have you ever been diverted from achieving an important goal by something that temporarily seemed more attractive? What distracted you? What qualities did you need to overcome the distractions? Explain.
2. What keeps Odysseus from reaching home?
3. What happens to the crew members who eat the Lotus?
4. The third dawn after the storm is described as coming “with ringlets shining.” What impression of the dawn does this image give you?
5. What does this episode suggest about the kinds of problems Odysseus has with his men?
6. Brief as it is, the episode of the Lotus-Eaters is one of the most famous parts of the Odyssey. Why do you think readers have found it so interesting?