

Outline for *The Odyssey* in-class essay

TOPIC: Odysseus is known as the hero in *The Odyssey*. Does he deserve this title? Select two heroic qualities and use support from the epic poem or movie to argue your position. Then, show the counterargument and prove why this viewpoint is incorrect.

Introductory paragraph:

Attention getter:

Thesis statement:

Statement of order:

Concluding Sentence that mentions the thesis:

Body Paragraph One:

- I. Topic sentence that includes a heroic quality:
 - a. Explanation of heroic quality:
 - b. Evidence from epic poem or movie:
 - c. Analysis of evidence above:

Body Paragraph Two:

- II. Topic sentence that includes a new heroic quality:
 - a. Explanation of heroic quality:
 - b. Evidence from epic poem or movie:
 - c. Analysis of evidence above:

Body Paragraph Three: COUNTERARGUMENT

- III. Topic sentence that shows the counterargument:
 - a. Explanation of role of heroic quality:
 - b. Evidence (paraphrase) from epic poem or movie:
 - c. Analysis of evidence above:
 - d. Explain why this "other" viewpoint is incorrect:

Conclusion:

- a. Touch back (restate thesis):
- b. Mention the support and how it supports the thesis
- c. Mention why the counter argument is wrong
- d. Zinger (end on a strong note):