

Directions:

\* Answer using complete sentences.

\* Use a piece of the question stem in all responses.

# "Twenty years gone, and I'm back again."

## RESPONDING TO THE SELECTION

### Your Response

1. Is Telemachus' suspicion justified? Explain.

### Recalling

2. What does Athena say and do to Odysseus?
3. Describe Telemachus' reactions when Odysseus reveals himself.
4. What does Odysseus direct his son to do in preparation for an attack on the suitors?

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### Interpreting

5. Compare Odysseus' emotions with Telemachus' when they are reunited.
6. What is Odysseus' relationship with Athena and Zeus?

### Applying

7. When you look ahead to Odysseus' reunion with his wife, what scene do you imagine?

# "Argus"

## RESPONDING TO THE SELECTION

### Your Response

1. Were you touched by this episode? Why or why not?

### Recalling

2. What was Argus like in his youth?

### Interpreting

3. Why doesn't Odysseus greet Argus?
4. Is Argus' death just when Odysseus returns a coincidence? Explain.

### Applying

5. How would this scene be different if Argus were younger and more vigorous?

# "The Suitors"

## RESPONDING TO THE SELECTION

### Your Response

1. Was Odysseus right in not striking back at Antinous? Explain.

### Recalling

2. Describe Antinous' treatment of Odysseus.
3. Why do the other suitors speak against Antinous?

### Interpreting

4. Compare and contrast Telemachus' behavior and Odysseus'.
5. Compare Penelope's and Eurynome's reactions to the events in the hall below.

### Applying

6. Dramatic irony consists of actions and speeches that readers understand in a way that characters cannot. Explain the dramatic irony in this scene.

# "Penelope"

## RESPONDING TO THE SELECTION

### Your Response

1. What feelings does this scene evoke in you?

### Recalling

2. Describe the trick Penelope used to delay choosing a husband from among the suitors.

### Interpreting

3. What emotions is Odysseus probably feeling during this scene?
4. What impression of Penelope do you get from her speech?

### Applying

5. Why do you think Odysseus chooses not to reveal his identity to his wife?

# "The Challenge"

## RESPONDING TO THE SELECTION

### Your Response

1. Predict what will happen next.

### Recalling

2. What is the suitors' reaction when Odysseus, still in disguise, takes up the bow?

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### Interpreting

3. What does Odysseus mean when he says, "The hour has come to cook their lordships' mutton—/supper by daylight"?

### Applying

4. Does Odysseus' success in the contest show that he is an extraordinary archer or merely that he has a god on his side? Give reasons for your opinion.

# "Odysseus' Revenge"

## RESPONDING TO THE SELECTION

### Your Response

1. Is Odysseus' revenge justified? Explain.

### Recalling

2. Describe the immediate reaction of the suitors to the killing of Antinous.
3. How does Telemachus aid his father in the battle?

### Interpreting

4. Discuss Odysseus' judgment on the suitors. What are his reasons for slaying them all?

### Applying

5. Compare justice at the hands of Odysseus with justice in a modern society.

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# "Penelope's Test" / "Ending"

## RESPONDING TO THE SELECTION

### Your Response

1. Why do you think that Odysseus is one of the most famous epic heroes?

### Recalling

2. Why is Odysseus displeased with Penelope?
3. What is her response to his complaint?
4. What is Penelope's test, and how does Odysseus pass it?

### Interpreting

5. Since Odysseus has abandoned his disguise, why does Penelope doubt his identity?
6. Describe the mood of this scene. Is it altogether happy, or does it include some sadness? Give reasons for your opinion.

### Applying

7. Some scholars believe the events that follow the reunion of Odysseus and Penelope were

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