Pre Assessment: No right or wrong answers, just want to see how much they know about the subject.

1.       Have you ever heard of “The Odyssey,” if so, what have you heard? (what, who it’s about, what happens)

2.       Who wrote the Odyssey, what culture is it from? (Greek Mythology, Homer)

3.       What genre is it?  If you know what are the characteristics of that genre? (epic poem, long, supernatural, form)

4.       Who is the main character? (Odysseus)

5.       What is the main conflict in the story? (long journey home)

6.        What does an odyssey mean? (long obstacle filled journey/process)

7.        What are positive and negative traits to have when working with a group? (pos: patience, compassion, neg: greed, anger)

Post Assessment: OR do these online interactive quizzes as a class, for homework, for assessment, or review/studying:

[http://www.funtrivia.com/playquiz/quiz15033111378b0.html](https://mail.uncw.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=9JWJH_bXRUC_-BfC8YBFjKlxhjYDE9BIplNvmxWTv8UKuIZkxxMAd03_VlhITEKi805NbHQ_s9A.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.funtrivia.com%2fplayquiz%2fquiz15033111378b0.html)

[http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~loxias/odchoice.htm](https://mail.uncw.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=9JWJH_bXRUC_-BfC8YBFjKlxhjYDE9BIplNvmxWTv8UKuIZkxxMAd03_VlhITEKi805NbHQ_s9A.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.users.globalnet.co.uk%2f%7eloxias%2fodchoice.htm)

The Odyssey Test

(Out of 100 points)

Multiple choice: (3 points a piece)

1. The classic epic poem attributed to Homer, The Odyssey, has only been translated by Robert Fitzgerald.

a. False

b. True

Answer: B

2. In Book XX, Signs and a Vision, Odysseus the Beggar is reassured, first by Athena, that he'll "come out soon enough on the other side of trouble," and next when he heard from a servant woman grinding flour that "this day be the last the suitors feed so dainty in Odysseus' hall." What sign did Zeus send that "with lifting hear, sure...vengeance was at hand" ?

a. When Penelope dreams of the "image of" Odysseus with his troops

b. Athena in the body of a woman reassures Odysseus that he will come out soon enough on the other side of trouble.

c. Zeus in heaven...thundered out of bright Olympos....a rousing peal.

d. When Penelope prayed to Artemis to help her die.

Answer: C

3. When the suitors returned to the palace talking of another plot to kill Telemachos, why did Amphinomos warn them that "no luck lies in that plan"?

a. He knew that Odysseus had returned and was afraid of him

b. A eagle soared above the suitors with a rockdove in his claws.

c. One of the suitors picked up a cow's foot "to let it fly" but Odysseus the Beggar ducked the blow.

d. At this time Telemachos announces that he will make "no impediment to Mother's marriage."

Answer: B

4. Who is Theoklymenos?

a. The swineherd who has cared for Odysseus pigs and kept his sense of loyalty.

b. A friend of Antinoos, the lead suitor.

c. Eurymachos' father who predicts fools and vipers in the king's hall.

d. A visionary who warns of damnation and black night.

Answer: D

5. In Book XX1, The Test of the Bow, what is Telemachos' role?a. He is doing his Mother's bidding to conduct a contest among the suitors for her hand.

b. He is trying to show the suitors that he is as strong as they are.

c. He is an accomplice to a plan to kill the suitors.

d. Telemachos is a foil to Odysseus' plan.

Answer: C

6. In Book XXX111, clever and cautious Penelope is stunned at the revelation of the Beggar and her judgment is uncertain as she views blood and rags. How does she reply to Telemachus' accusation that her "heart is hard as flint and never changes" ?

a. Penelope chastises Telemachus for speaking rudely to his mother.

b. Penelope ignores her son and cringes at the sight of the dead and bloodied suitors lying about.

c. Penelope remarks that she will take her time for "beyond all doubt we two shall know each other better than you or anyone.

d. Penelope is unmoved by Telemachus' comments or Odysseus the Beggar's words.

Answer: C

7. Which of the following statements is true:

a. Eurymachos has the same motivations as Odysseus.

b. Penelope uses the same strategy as the maid.

c. Odysseus and Theoklymenos have the same source of conflict.

Answer: B

8. The Odyssey tells the tale of...

a. Myth and magic

b. Gods and godesses

c. War and murder

d. Monsters

e. All of the above

Answer: E

9. The Odyssey is a Greek myth, while The Fenris Wolf is a                 myth.

a. Roman

b. Latin

c. Norse

d. None of those

Answer: C

10. The Odyssey was created about 1200-1500 years before it's author put it on paper.

a. True

b. False

Answer: A

11. This man wrote two famous epics called the Iliad and the Odyssey.

a. Pegasus

b. Apollo

c. Homer

d. Periclles

Answer: C

12. Modernist Poets use a variety of influences from history in order to show a connection through history and to make the reader reflect on that history. They also use these influences in their writing to tell a part of the story they are trying to share. Which "classic" poem was used famously by James Joyce?

a. Iliad

b. Odyssey

c. Ulysses

d. None of the Above

Answer: C

13. Homer was...

a.A blind singer

b.The father of Bart

c.Odysseus' friend

d.A woman

Answer: A

14. Who is the protagonist of the story?

a.Zeus

b.Athena

c.Homer

d.Odysseus

Answer: D

15. When the story starts, Odysseus is stuck on...

a.Calypso's island as a prisoner guest

b.In the Trojan Horse waiting to strike.

c.On Mount Fuji as Athena's guest

Answer: A

16. Odysseus was a hero in the Trojan war.

a.True

b.False

Answer: A

17.Penelope kept the unwelcome suitors away by pretending to weave a...

 a.scarf

b.shroud

c.quilt

d.blanket

Answer: B

18. Who was Calypso?

a.A demi-godess

b.She held Odyseus captive on her island.

c.She was beautful

d.All of the above

Answer: D

19. Who is Telemachus?

a.Athena' son from Zeus.

b.King Nestor's son.

c.Penelope and Odyessus' son.

d.A Greek god.

Answer: C

20: Why did Poseidon hate Odysseus?

Answer: Poseidon hates Odysseus because of the run-in he had with his son, a cyclops.

Thinking Critically (5 points a piece)

1. What was one of the "secret signs" that Penelope thought of to test the Beggar's identity? Briefly, explain why Odysseus the Beggar became angry with Penelope's charge to Eurycleia to "Make up his bed...Place it outside the bedchamber.."?

Answer: The bed could not be moved because it was part of a live Olive tree. Odysseus had crafted the bed himself.

2. Why was there a fight at the end and what was the conflict over.  How did Odysseus feel about the situation?

Answer:  The others were greedy, couldn’t let go of a grudge, and Odysseus was frustrated.

3. What could Odysseus have done better in the end of the journey that would have eliminated trouble?

Answer: Called a meeting, communication, stopped the attack.

4. What do you think Odysseus would have done if he hadn’t been offered assistance based on his motives? Come up with an alternate ending, based on what you know about him.

Answer: be creative, use his characteristics, adventurous, greedy, love of family, etc.

5. Essay prompt:  (20 points) Analyze how complex characters develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme and how that is similar to today’s problems or the problems in your rewrite.