

OUTLINE OF ODYSSEUS'S ADVENTURES

Ithaca

[HELEN?]

Ciconians:

- Doublet with Troy
- “Real World”
- Companions disobey Odysseus; -6 dead/ship

Ia. Lotus Eaters

- Oriental motif
- Temptation to forget home
- Odysseus forces companions to leave

IIa. Polyphemus

- Odysseus chooses path; finds Monster in cave
- 4 men
- Odysseus contemplates sword but must outwit Cyclops

IIIa. Aeolos → Aeolus

- Isle of Wind God
- Odysseus sleeps
- Companions disobey Odysseus

IVa. Laestrygonians

- Cannibalistic giants = doublet of Cyclopes
- Odysseus and his ship (-1 sailor) survive; others lost

- Ia. Elpenor
- Ib. Tiresias
- Ic. Anticleia
- Id. Catalogue of Women

CIRCE (-1) → UNDERWORLD → CIRCE

INTERLUDE

Ib. Sirens

- Oriental motif
- Temptation to forget home
- Odysseus' companions remove him from danger

- IIa. Agamemnon
- IIb. Achilles
- IIc. [Ajax]
- IId. Catalogue of Men (Heracles)

IIb. Scylla (and Charybdis)

- Odysseus chooses path; finds Monster in a cave
- 6 men devoured
- Odysseus attempts to use sword; but impotent to save men

IIIb. Helios

- Isle of Sun God
- Odysseus Sleeps
- Companions disobey Odysseus

IVb. Charybdis (and Scylla)

- Odysseus alone escapes the storm; others lost
- Odysseus, at mercy of sea, retraces route to Charybdis

CALYPSO

Phaeacia: Ideal version of Ithaca? “Fantasy World”?

[NAUSICAA/ARETE]

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