

KEY TERMS :: THE SACK OF TROY & THE RETURN OF ODYSSEUS

Homer (eighth century BCE)*Ovid* (3/20/63 BCE–17 CE)*Vergil* (70–19 BCE)**Major Myths**

1. Sack of Troy
 1. Construction of the Trojan Horse
 2. Laocöon and the Acceptance of the Horse
 3. Taking of Troy: Outrages
 1. Slaughter of Priam at the Altar
 2. Raping of Cassandra in Athena's Temple
 3. Sacrifice of Polyxena
2. The Returns ("Nostoi")
 1. Deaths of Oilean Ajax
 2. Murder of Agamemnon & Cassandra
 1. [Orestes' Murder of Aegisthus & Clytemnestra]
 2. Furies' pursuit of Orestes
 3. Orestes' judgement in Athens
 3. Exile of Diomedes and Philoctetes
 4. Wanderings of Menelaus
 5. [Wanderings of Odysseus] & Return to Ithaca
 1. Second journey and death at hands of Telegonus
 2. Marriage of Telegonus and Penelope, and Telemachus and Circe
 6. Sacrilege and Murder of Neoptolemos

Important Places

Troy & Troad
 Sparta
 Mycenae
 Ithaca

Major Greek Figures

1. Agamemnon (+ Clytemnestra)
2. Menelaus (+ Helen)
3. Odysseus || Ulysses (+Penelope)
4. Ajax (Lesser or Oilean)
5. Diomedes
6. Nestor
7. Telemachus
8. Neoptolemus or Pyrrhus
9. Orestes

Major Trojan Figures

1. Lacoön
2. Priam (+ Hecuba)
3. Aeneas (+ Creusa)
4. Cassandra
5. Polyxena

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[Troy; HELEN?]

Ciconians:

- Doublet with Troy
- “Real World”
- Companions disobey Odysseus

Ia. Lotus Eaters

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

IIa. Polyphemos

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

IIIa. Aiolos

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

IVa. Laestrygonians

- Cannibalistic giants = doublet of Cyclopes
- Odysseus and his ship alone survive; others lost

Ia. Elpenor Ib. Tiresias Ic. Anticleia Id. Catalogue of Women <i>INTERLUDE</i> IIa. Agamemenon IIb. Achilles IIc. Ajax IId. Catalogue of Men
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CIRCE → UNDERWORLD

→ CIRCE

Ib. Sirens

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

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 [NAUSICAA/ARETE]

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KEY: ||, equivalent name in Greek & Roman myth; ➡, “parent of”; underlined parents or offspring are significant; *italicized*, indicates historical figures; **bold italicized** indicates authors read for this assignment.