

Keyword lists

Chapter One: The War (The Wooden Horse)

- Menelaos marries Helen ('most beautiful woman in the world!').
- Odysseus offers advice to suitors.
- Paris visits Menelaos.
- Paris takes Helen to Troy.
- Greeks attack Troy ('the face that launched a thousand ships!').
- Ten years later ...
- Odysseus' idea.
- Greeks are gone!
- The horse approaches.
- What to do?
- King Priam and the priests.
- Take it in.
- Celebration.
- Let them in and defeat! ('Beware Greeks bearing gifts!')

Chapter Two: The Battle (The Ciconians)

- Freak wind to Ismarus.
- Enemies: Kill! Kill! Kill!
- Greeks kill all.
- Odysseus protects Maron.
- Odysseus: 'Let's go!'
- Too much fun.
- Ciconians regather.
- Overwhelmed.
- Run away!
- Escape and losses.

Chapter Three: Happiness and Forgetting (The Lotus Eaters)

- Time to go home.
- Storm.
- Shipwrecked.
- Search party.
- Search party for the search party (and Perimedes).
- Someone's watching!
- The clearing, the search party and the cups.
- More juice!
- Perimedes works out where they are.
- Masks.
- Choice: to drink or not to drink?
- Odysseus makes his choice.
- Hurry back but too late.
- Leave (one ship down).
- Epilogue: one man is lost.
- Water!

Chapter Four: Nobody's Home (The Cyclops)

- Beached.
- Morning: explore for help (wine).
- Cave.
- Cheese.
- Owner returns: Cyclops (plus tree).
- Make friends – make lunch!
- Trapped.
- Cyclops goes out (snacks first!).
- What to do?
- Returns with sheep and goes out in the morning (after breakfasting!).
- Plan: stake.
- Returns with sheep (snacks again!).
- Wine and 'Nobody' (plus gift).
- Stake in the eye.
- More Cyclopes (Polyphemus).
- Nobody trick.
- Still trapped.
- Another plan.

- Out with the sheep.
- Last ram and out.
- Run away!
- Nobodeeeeeey!
- The getaway.
- Proud.
- Announcement and revenge (Poseidon).
- Rock.
- Second rock.
- Sinking.
- Finally safe but only just.

Chapter Five: Captain or Crew? (Aeolus and the bag of winds)

- 'Land ... I think!'
- Island of bronze.
- Invited guests.
- Water and rest at last.
- The gift and a rumour.
- Depart and promise.
- Ninth day: home!
- Sleep and argument.
- Autocracy or democracy?
- The vote is cast.
- The bag is untied.
- Storm released.
- Lost again.
- Promise.

Chapter Six: Dinner Guests (The Laestrygonians)

- Six days and nights.
- Cliff harbour.
- Smoke.
- Odysseus plus 2.
- Road, well and big girl.
- To Antiphates the Laestrygonian.
- Wife.

- Antiphates and the spit.
- Horror!
- Argument.
- 2 escape plus chase.
- The harbour trap.
- One ship escapes.
- The last they saw of them ...

Chapter Seven: Choices (Circe and the pig men)

- Forested island.
- Odysseus explores alone.
- Smoke rising and stag.
- 2 groups and lots – Eurylochus to go.
- Eurylochus returns alone.
- His story.
- House and singing.
- Wolves and lions.
- Woman emerges.
- Eurylochus hides.
- Men eat.
- Transformation.
- Pigsty.
- Run away!
- Argument: to leave or not to leave?
- Odysseus leaves.
- Meets Hermes.
- Flower.
- Circe's house.
- Resists.
- Oath.
- The men's choice.
- Hospitality.
- One year later ... home!

Chapter Eight: Under the World (Tiresias and the Underworld)

- Circe: go to the Underworld!

- Tiresias the prophet.
- Set off – follow Circe's direction.
- North wind.
- River of Ocean.
- The grove of poplar trees.
- Where rivers meet.
- Offering:
- Milk and honey.
- Sweet wine and water.
- Barley and prayers.
- Ram's blood.
- A familiar face.
- Blind old man.
- Mother and a warning.
- Achilles' reply.
- Return to Circe.

Chapter Nine: The Singing Women (The Sirens)

- Odysseus leaves Circe – cheat fate.
- Wax and mast.
- Set off.
- Mist.
- Song.
- Rumour of Sirens.
- Under the spell.
- Last command.
- Escapee.
- Finally pass – Odysseus a broken man.
- First to hear and live!

Chapter Ten: The Horror of The Rocks (Scylla and Charybdis)

- Odysseus dreads the only way.
- Describe what they see.
- Two cliffs.
- Whirlpool (Charybdis).
- What will happen if ...

- Odysseus' secret.
- Circe's advice.
- The Words of Tiresias.
- The choice: to tell or not to tell?

Alternative endings:

- A: The Twelve
- Cheat fate.
- Probability.
- Lots.
- Silas! Odysseus? No, Elpenor.
- Six lost including Elpenor.
- B: The end justifies the means
- Feeling and reason.
- Six lost.
- Odysseus' regret.

Chapter Eleven: Clouded (The Cattle of Helios)

- Thrinacia in the fog.
- Helios and the words of Tiresias.
- Eurylochus' first speech: 'We are not like you!'
- Bad weather continues.
- 1 month later ...
- Prayers and sleep.
- Eurylochus' second speech: 'No dignity in starvation!'
- Odysseus wakes up.
- Too late.
- Helios' ransom.
- Clouds lift.
- The Cloud Gatherer.
- Everyone for himself.
- The Raft.
- The current of Charybdis.
- The fig tree.
- Lost again.

Chapter Twelve: The Concealer (The Island of Kalypso)

- Nine days.
- Hallucinations.
- Carried to Kalypso.
- Whatever you want.
- 'The guest'.
- Beach-sitting.
- Watched.
- All the time in the world.
- Seven years later and an offer you wouldn't refuse.
- Poseidon goes away.
- Athena implores Zeus.
- Zeus sends Hermes.
- Hermes persuades Kalypso.
- The boat.
- Poseidon is furious.
- The Storm.
- Seaweed.

Chapter Thirteen: The Storyteller (The Phaeacians)

- Another beach and lost memory.
- The girl (Nausicaa).
- Leetho.
- To her father.
- Does as he's told!
- The games.
- Food and entertainment.
- Demodocus the storyteller.
- Odysseus the madman.
- The Wooden Horse.
- Odysseus cries.
- He remembers.
- Odysseus the storyteller.
- Help at last.
- Home.
- The mysterious woman.

Chapter Fourteen: The Stranger (The Return Home)

- Meanwhile in Ithaca ... (20 years!).
- After age 17: 108 suitors (Antinous).
- Telemachus leaves.
- The tapestry trick.
- Telemachus: Pylos and Sparta (Nestor and Menelaos).
- Ambush! Athena helps.
- Back to the story ...
- The three of them.
- (The Liar's Paradox).
- The stranger and the message.
- The two men.
- To the palace.
- Argus, the old dog.
- Announcement.
- The stranger and Penelope.
- Eurycleia and the scar.
- The 12 axes.
- Telemachus, Suitors, Antinous all fail.
- (Lock up).
- The stranger's turn.
- Censored!
- Suitors gone.
- Penelope's disbelief.
- The wedding bed.
- Reunited.
- Immortality after all!

Appendix 4: Winged Words (Oidipus and The Riddle of The Sphinx)

- Tyche's whim.
- The Sphinx.
- The imprisoned people.
- Reward.
- The brothers.
- Parchment.
- Oidipus.
- The riddles.
- Answers.
- The death of the Sphinx.
- King of Thebes.