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!
• Nobodeeeey!
• 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.