

# The Odyssey

## Study Questions – Book 9b



### Content Questions

1. What was unusual about the island that lies near the island of the Kyklopês?
2. What kind of occupation does the Kyklopês do?
3. What does Odysseus take with him when they go to investigate the Kyklopês' cave?
4. How many men does the Kyklopês eat each time he eats?
5. Why doesn't Odysseus just kill the Kyklopês?
6. How does Odysseus trick the Kyklopês with his name?
7. How is Odysseus able to blind the Kyklopês?
8. What boastful act does Odysseus do which sets up his suffering later?

### Analytical Questions

1. In what way do the men show that coming from Troy they are still in the mindset of "sackers of cities"?
2. In what ways does the Kyklopês go against all the tenets of hospitality we have seen? How does he parody that same hospitality?
3. Why do you think Homer goes into such graphic detail about the killing and cannibalism of the Kyklopês?

