

The Odyssey

Study Questions – Book 22



Content Questions

1. Who is the first suitor killed?
2. How is the first suitor killed?
3. How does Eurymachus try to save them all?
4. How is he killed?
5. How is Amphinomus killed?
6. What equipment does Telemachos fetch to help them?
7. How does Melanthius betray his master? How is he eventually punished for it?
8. What do the two servant do to him?
9. Who does Athena come disguised as?
10. What moment do they realize it is actually Athena?
11. What does Leodes do to save himself? Does it work?
12. What does Phemius do to save himself? Does it work?
13. Only two men are saved. Who are they?
14. What response does Odysseus have to Eurykleia regarding a cry of triumph?
15. What job are the dozen unfaithful servants given?
16. What happens to the dozen servants?

Analytical Questions

1. Does the slaughter of the suitors meet your expectations?
2. Among the power of Homer's talent are his similes. Why is his description of the women servants' deaths particularly effective?

