

The Odyssey

Study Questions – Book 23



Content Questions

1. What does Odysseus do to purify the house?
2. Where do Odysseus and Penélopê have their reunion?
3. How does Penélopê act when she goes to meet Odysseus?
4. What does Odysseus ask Phemius to do?
5. How does Athena change Odysseus?
6. What does Penélopê ask Eurycleia to do which angers Odysseus?
7. What is the secret of the bed that Odysseus reveals?
8. What does Athena do to make the reunion of Odysseus and Penélopê special?
9. What prophecy about his death does Odysseus tell Penélopê?
10. How do Odysseus and Penélopê end their evening?
11. What instructions does Odysseus give Penélopê in the morning?
12. Where does Odysseus go and who goes with him?
13. How does Odysseus propose restocking the herds depleted by the suitors?

Analytical Questions

1. How does Penélopê show herself Odysseus' equal?
2. Why doesn't the epic end here, when Odysseus is back in the arms of his wife?

