

## Beginning Character List for *The Odyssey*

Odysseus – Main character; hero from Trojan War trying to get home.

Telemachus – Odysseus' son (he has not seen in 20 yrs)

Penelope – Odysseus' wife (he has not seen in 20 yrs)

Eurymachus – a suitor for Penelope

Antinous – another suitor for Penelope

Nestor – a wise, old man

Eurycleia – Nurse to Telemachus & Odysseus' family

Athena/Pallas/Athene – Goddess who favors Odysseus

Calypso – Minor Goddess who falls in love with Odysseus

Circe – A witch who wishes to keep Odysseus

Sirens – Part bird/part woman whose song is irresistible

Poseidon – God who is punishing Odysseus

Polyphemus – a Cyclops – son of Poseidon

Zeus – King of all gods

Agamemnon – King of Mycenae-Leader of Greeks @ Troy

Menelaus – King of Sparta - husband of Helen

Helen – Wife of Menelaus – Cause of the Trojan War

Nausicaa – daughter of Phaeacian king – helps Odysseus

Alcinous – Phaeacian king who worships Poseidon