

QUICK CARD: *THE ODYSSEY*



<i>Reference</i>	<i>The Odyssey of Homer</i> . Trans. Richmond Lattimore. ISBN: 978-0061244186		
<i>Plot</i>	After ten years of fighting at Troy, Odysseus finally sets sail for home. Along the way he encounters many trials and dangers that take another ten years of his life. He returns to his kingdom only to find that his wife is plagued by suitors who are trying to usurp his position.		
<i>Setting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mythical Greece • Ithaka, kingdom of Odysseus • In the years following the Battle of Troy 		
<i>Characters</i>	Odysseus Telemachos Penelope The goddess Athene	The god Poseidon The messenger Hermes The suitors Circe, Kalypso, Nausikaa	Various monsters Greek pantheon The shepherd
<i>Conflict</i>	Man vs. Man Man vs. the gods Man vs. Fate Man vs. Himself		
<i>Theme</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The greatest journey is the journey home. • A strong marriage is the root of the home and the bedrock of society. • Intellect subdues force and strength. • Hospitality to strangers = a just heart and a godly mind. 		
<i>Literary Devices</i>	Stock Epithets Extended Simile Personification Irony Allusion		