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***The Odyssey***

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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. | Charybdis | a. | Land where famine brings the wrath of Helios |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 2. | Circe | b. | Odysseus’s kingdom |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 3. | Elpenor | c. | God who joins Zeus in cursing Odysseus’s voyage |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 4. | Homer | d. | Blind prophet in the Land of the Dead |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 5. | Ismarus | e. | Land so tempting that crew members forget about home |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 6. | Ithaca | f. | Sorceress who turns Odysseus’s men to pigs |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 7. | Laestragonians | g. | Person to whom Homer prays in order to write well |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 8. | Land of the Golden Cattle | h. | Beautiful singers who lure sailors to their deaths |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 9. | Land of the Lotus Eaters | i. | Epic hero who takes ten years to return from Troy |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 10. | Muse of Epic Poetry | j. | Rock monster who eats six crew members |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 11. | Odysseus | k. | Cannibals who destroy all but one of Odysseus’s ships |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 12. | Polyphemus | l. | Poet who wrote both *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 13. | Poseidon | m. | Crew member who appears in the Land of the Dead |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 14. | Scylla | n. | Son of Poseidon who performs badly as a host |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 15. | Sirens | o. | Whirlpool that threatens to sink Odysseus’s ship |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 16. | Tiresias | p. | First stop after Troy where the crew incurs Zeus’s wrath |

**Answer the following questions briefly but thoroughly.**

1. Define: epic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Explain the TWO epic similes we have studied so far by identifying the event in *The Odyssey* and

how Homer compares that event to something else.

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**Mark each statement as TRUE (+) or FALSE (0).**

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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. | Odysseus has learned from his bad experience at Ismarus and makes sure to send the entire crew to shore to meet the Lotus Eaters. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 2. | King Aeolus gives the crew a bag of potions that will calm the seas when they visit his island the second time. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 3. | Circe changes some of Odysseus’s crew into pigs because they behave badly at her table. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 4. | When they reach the Land of the Dead, Odysseus follows very specific instructions for a sacrifice that will honor the dead and call forth Tiresias. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 5. | Odysseus observes that all the dead who approach the well pit are soldiers in various stages of armored attire and with a variety of wounds sustained in battles at Troy. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 6. | Odysseus recognizes one of the spirits as a member of his crew who died on Circe’s Island. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 7. | Elpenor, the dead crew member, asks Odysseus to make a special trip back to Circe’s Island just to bury him. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 8. | Odysseus is so sad to see his mother in the Land of the Dead and to learn that she died while he was at Troy that he allows her to drink the blood before Tiresias. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 9. | Homer prays to the Muse of Epic Poetry because he needs help telling a new story in a memorable way. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 10. | Tiresias is very specific in warning Odysseus that his crew must not attempt to ride the sun chariot on Helios’s Island, or all will die. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 11. | Odysseus learns that once he is home, he will never have to travel again. |
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| \_\_\_\_\_ | 12. | Tiresias informs Odysseus that he will not die in battle but at home surrounded by his family and the grateful citizens of Ithaca. |

13. – 17. On the last page of this reading check, choose FIVE of the FALSE statements and rewrite them to

make them true. Then, for EACH statement, add another sentence to provide more

evidence to support your response.