

Tell the
Story

How does the opening

prologue introduce

and **characterize**

Odysseus? What is

most **important** to him?

What does he apparently

value most?

Calypso,
the Sweet
Nymph

Cite examples of **Imagery** used in this section. What do you see, hear, feel, and smell in this famous description of **Calypso's** home?

Zeus ordered **Calypso**
to free **Odysseus**, but
the nymph **claims**
that the **idea is her**
own. Why do you
think she does this?

Considering their
similarity in
appearance and
emotions, what do you
think **distinguishes**
humans from **gods**?

According to **Calypso**,
what would **Odysseus**
gain by staying with her?

How has **Odysseus**
managed to say no to
Calypso and still **not**
offend her?

What **impression**
of **Odysseus** do
you get from his
description
of himself?

The Lotus Eaters

How do the
Lotus Eaters
pose a **threat**
to **Odysseus**
and his men?

The
Cyclops

Why does **Odysseus** want to visit the land of the **Cyclopes**? What does this **reveal** about his **character**?

Why does **Odysseus**
lie to the **Cyclops**
about the ship? What
traits does **Odysseus**
show in this exchange
with the **Cyclops**?

Why doesn't
Odysseus kill
the **Cyclops** at
this moment?

As the captain, **Odysseus** could have simply chosen the men he wanted for the job rather than **drawing lots**. Why does he **not appoint specific men to help him?**

What is **ironic**
about the
Cyclops saying
he will eat
Noman last?

How do **Odysseus** and his men **sneak out** of the **Cyclops**' cave?

How is this **similar** to his plan to win the **Trojan War**?

How might
Odysseus's
revelation of his
name create
problems for him
and his men?

Go back and **re-read**
the **Prologue** that
Homer uses to open
The Odyssey. What parts
of **Polyphemus's**
curse come **true**?

What **theme** is
conveyed by
Odysseus'
behavior in this
part of the text?