Learning Target:

1. **WOD:** ____________________________
   **Connotation:** + / -
   **POS:** ________

   **MOD:** “But no, the gods **chwart** his passage. Yet I tell you the great Odysseus is not dead. He’s still alive, somewhere in this wide world, held captive, out at sea on a wave-washed island, and hard men, savages, somehow hold him back against his will.”

   **Prediction:** ____________________________
   **Definition:** ____________________________
   **Sentence:** ____________________________

2. **WOD:** ____________________________
   **Connotation:** + / -
   **POS:** ________

   **MOD:** “They infest our palace day and night, they butcher our cattle, our sheep, our fat goats, feasting themselves sick, swilling our glowing wine as if there’s no tomorrow—all of it, **squandered**.”

   **Prediction:** ____________________________
   **Definition:** ____________________________
   **Sentence:** ____________________________
I will be able to distinguish between the denotative and connotative meaning of words.
“But no, the gods thwart his passage. Yet I tell you the great Odysseus is not dead. He’s still alive, somewhere in this wide world, held captive, out at sea on a wave-washed island, and hard men, savages, somehow hold him back against his will.”
Denotation – To prevent from accomplishing a purpose
2. WOD – Squandered   POS – V
MOD – “They infest our palace day and night, they butcher our cattle, our sheep, our fat goats, feasting themselves sick, swilling our glowing wine as if there’s no tomorrow—all of it, squandered.”

Connotation +   /   -
Prediction –
**Denotation** – To spend or use extravagantly or wastefully
mod – “Filled with anger, down on the ground he dashed the speaker’s scepter – bursting into tears… ’So high and mighty, Telemachus—such unbridled rage!’”

Connotation + / -

Prediction –
Denotation – Not controlled or restrained
4. WOD – Pernicious POS – ADJ

MOD – “’Look how my countrymen—the suitors most of all, the pernicious bullies—foil each move I make’.”

Connotation + / -

Prediction –
Denotation – Causing harm or ruin
“Eyes afire, Athena set them feuding…The brothers harangued them, told them why they met: A crisis…”

Connotation: +

Prediction: –
Denotation – A scolding or a long or intense verbal attack
1. The gods thwart Odysseus’ passage home, holding him captive because of his insolence. Tell about a time when someone or something prevented you from accomplishing a purpose.

2. Describe something that you squandered away and now regret.

4. Have you ever had a run-in with a pernicious bully? Describe this experience. Use dialogue.
MOD – “A radiance strong as the moon or rising sun came flooding through the high-roofed halls of illustrious Menelaus. Once they’d feasted their eyes with gazing at it all, into the burnished tubs they climbed and bathed.”

Connotation + / -

Prediction –
Denotation – Polished
What hardships I endured, how I lost this handsome palace built for the ages, filled to its depths with hoards of gorgeous things.
Denotation – A stock of money or valued objects
MOD – “Surely I can’t describe or even list them all, the exploits crowding fearless Odysseus’ record, but what a feat that hero dared and carried off in the land of Troy where you Achaeans suffered!”

Connotation + / -

Prediction –
Denotation – A bold or daring feat
9. **WOD** – Ardor  **POS** – N  
**MOD** – “Hearing you singing out, we were both keen to spring up and sally forth or give you a sudden answer from inside, but Odysseus damped our ardor, reined us back.”

**Connotation** + / -

**Prediction** –
Denotation – Enthusiasm or passion
10. WOD – Ebbs  POS – V
MOD – “Here you are, cooped up on an island far too long, with no way out of it, none that you can find, while all your shipmates’ spirit ebbs away.”

Connotation +  /  -
Prediction –
Denotation – To recede
Journal Prompts

8. Odysseus truly personifies the title “Hero”. What exploits do you believe a hero must accomplish before earning the title?

9. Where does your passion lie? Describe the ardor that you feel when you participate in this activity.

10. Choose one item from your childhood that has gradually been ebbed out of your life. Make sure to describe this item in great detail.
“...muster your heart and strength and hold him fast, wildly as he 
writhes and fights you to escape.”

Connotation: + / -

Prediction: –
**Denotation** – To make continual twisting and squirming movements of the body
“...he’d have escaped his doom... if he hadn’t flung that brazen boast, the mad blind fool. ‘In the teeth of the gods,’ he bragged, ‘I have escaped the ocean’s sheer abyss!’”
Denotation – Bold
MOD – “And **lustrous** Calypso quickly led the way as he followed in the footsteps of the goddess. They reached the arching cavern, man and God as one.”

Connotation + / -

Prediction –
Denotation – Shining
Outside the courtyard, fronting the high gates, a magnificent orchard stretches four acres deep...Here luxuriant trees are always in their prime...And here is a teeming vineyard planted for the kings.
Denotation – Be full of or swarming with
MOD – “Just because I am crippled, Zeus’s daughter Aphrodite will always spurn me and love that devastating Ares, just because of his striking looks and racer’s legs while I am a weakling, lame from birth...”

Connotation + / -

Prediction –
Denotation – To reject disdainfully or contemptuously
12. The gods were none too pleased with Odysseus’ **brazen** boast of his own abilities. Describe a time when being bold and boastful got you into trouble.

13. Describe, using imagery, a place of **lustrous** beauty.

15. Aphrodite **spurns** Hephaestus because he is crippled and weak. Tell me about something that you disdain based on looks.