

The adventures of Odysseus

Important Information

Plot

In this retelling of Homer's epic poem The Odyssey, tells the story of Odysseus's return home to Ithica from fighting in the Trojan wars. His journey is beset by danger, challenges and tragedy

Themes

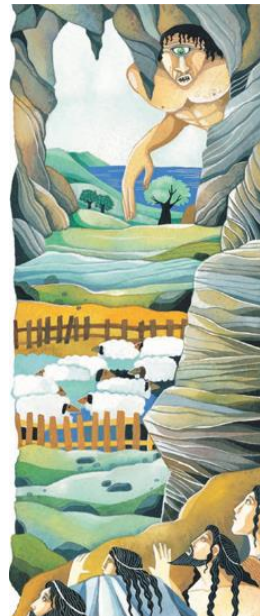
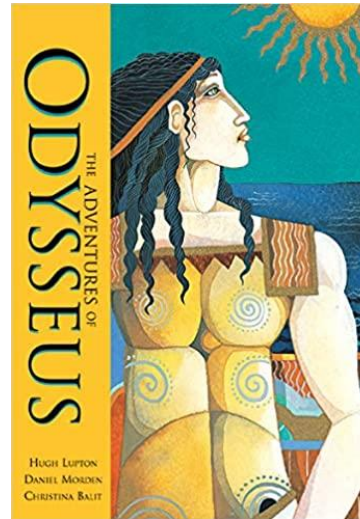
The stories cover themes of good and evil, the nature of heroism, taking responsibility for our actions within a classic voyage and return narrative.

Setting

In Ancient Greece, the action in the Odyssey takes place on the sea, where Odysseus must battle against the storms of the sea god, Poseidon, but the last third of the story is set in the town and countryside of Ithaka.

Characters

Odysseus	The main character, he is the King of Ithaca and a strong, courageous warrior
Penelope	Wife of Odysseus and mother of Telemachus.
Telemachus	Odysseus`s son.
Eumaeus	Loyal servant of Odysseus.
Laertes	Odysseus`s dad.
Zeus	King of the gods and men.
Athena	Daughter of Zeus and goddess of wisdom, battler and womanly arts.
Poseidon	God of the sea.
Calypso	Beautiful nymph who falls in love with Odysseus.
Polyphemus	One of Poseidon`s cyclopes.
Circe	Beautiful witch- goddess.
Menelaus	King of Sparta.
Helen	Wife of Menelaus and Queen of Sparta.



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Key Vocabulary

Trojan War	A great war fought between Greece and Troy.
Trojan Horse	A large Hollow wooden figure of a horse, filled with Greek soldiers.
Ithaca	A Greek island where Odysseus lives.
Suitor	A man who courts woman.
Siren	A warning signal that is a loud wailing sound.
Helmsman	Person who steers a ship.
Plundering	The act of stealing valuables from a place.
Apathy	An absence of emotion.
Immortality	Liver forever.
Prophet	Someone who speaks inspiration.