

## ***The Odyssey* Creative Projects**

Some of these are better suited to individuals, others to groups. You may work individually or in groups. Below are your options. Demonstrate your knowledge of *The Odyssey* and Greek mythology, be creative, and have fun!

Your project is due to be presented in class on November 15/16. Because class time is scheduled for these presentations, be considerate of your fellow classmates and be ready to present on the dates above.

### **Mount Olympus Newspaper or Newscast**

Create a newspaper or newscast that the gods might have read. You will need to include popular sections just like a real newspaper or newscast sports, world news, local news, entertainment, , advice column, etc. Make sure that the contents of your newspaper or newscast reflect your knowledge of Greek Mythology and *The Odyssey*. Your project will be graded on the amount of knowledge that you present, the creativity of your project, and all mechanics of good writing.

### **Modern Day Epic Adventure**

You can write a modern day epic adventure similar to the one that Odysseus took in the *Odyssey*. You will need to write the epic in separate books, illustrate each book, and have similarities to the classic Greek epic. You can either write as a story or create a book with chapters for each portion of the epic similar to the one you read on the Internet. Your project will be graded on the amount of knowledge related to the classic epic, *The Odyssey*.

### **Create a Board Game**

Create a board game based on *The Odyssey*. You are the judge for this assignment; you make the rules. Your game must include a title, a board, game pieces, illustrations, and an instruction booklet to go with it. Remember that this assignment will be graded on creativity, integrity to the original epic, writing conventions, and final appearance.

### **Create a Comic Strip**

Draw a comic strip about *The Odyssey* and tell his story through art. Your comic strip must have a minimum of 10 frames. If you'd like to do this using technology, visit [www.toondoo.com](http://www.toondoo.com). It's a free cartoon making website; you simply create an account.

### **Create an Original Myth**

Create an original myth. Design your "character" and plan his/her story. Write the story in a booklet or blank book, illustrating the story with original drawings or clip art that is appropriate. Be prepared to read your myth to the class.

### **Journal of Letters**

Imagine if Odysseus had kept a journal of letters written home to Penelope and/or Telemachus. In these letters, Odysseus vividly describes life in war, life on the boat, and life during his many adventures. Write a journal of AT LEAST 6 of these letters, using the proper format of a letter. Each letter should be at least one page in length. Although you do not have to type the assignment, it must be

legible. It can be done by hand, typed, blogged, etc. You will be graded on creativity, integrity to the original epic, and writing conventions.

### **New Adventure for Odysseus**

Create and write a new adventure for Odysseus. Include participants in the adventure, its setting, and how the incident will help Odysseus on his journey or impede it. This assignment must be 4 ½ to 5 pages in length, double-spaced, 12 pt. font in Times New Roman. Remember that this assignment will be graded on creativity, integrity to the original epic, and writing conventions.

### **Travel Brochure**

Create a cruise travel brochure based on Odysseus' travels. This brochure should be colorful, creative, and written to entice travelers to spend their money on your cruise. Use lots of descriptive language that will encourage would-be cruisers to take your cruise!

### **Infomercial/Recruiting Video**

Create an infomercial or recruiting video to help Odysseus recruit new crew members. Stress features, advantages, and benefits of being part of the crew of Odysseus, places where the crew will travel, and tasks that they will undertake.

### **Artistic Work**

Create a full-sized drawing, sculpture, or painting for *The Odyssey*. It must represent at least one aspect of the epic poem (Odysseus battling Polyphemus, Penelope weaving at her loom, Athena watching Odysseus, etc.). Please include a one page explanation/description with the piece. Remember that this assignment will be graded on creativity, effort, and integrity to the original epic.