

The Odyssey: Books 11-12, Comprehension Check

Directions: To give you a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of the novel, answer the following questions using complete sentences and quotations when possible. Submit them to turnitin.com.

1. Who asked to be buried and mourned? Why?
2. Describe what will happen if Odysseus or his men harm the cattle of Helios the Sun.
3. How did Anticleia die?
4. Why does Odysseus agree to stay with the Phaeacians?
5. What does Alcinous mean when he tells Odysseus "...you have told your tale with the skill of a bard"?
6. Who was still furious with Odysseus and why?
7. What did Odysseus fear Persephone would send?
8. Which ship has made it through the Wandering Rocks? How did it do it?
9. Describe what lives in the misty cave.
10. What sucks down and belches out the black water?
11. Why did Odysseus smear wax in his men's ears?
12. Explain why Odysseus did not mention Scylla.
13. How were Odysseus's men drawn up the cliff?
14. Why was Odysseus saved from Scylla?