

# THE ODYSSEY FINAL STUDY GUIDE

**Characters** (for each of these, be able to explain who they are, what role they fill in the story, what their chief qualities are, and be able to identify an epithet that describes them)

Ulysses

Penelope

Telemachus

Polyphemus

Minerva

Calypso

Circe

Poseidon

Zeus

Nestor

Eumaius

Antinous

Melanthius

Euryclea

Literary Concepts (be able to define the meaning of each of these and cite an example of how each of them was used in the novel)

Characteristics of an epic poem

Characteristics of the epic hero

Epithets

Xenia

Direct characterization/Indirect characterization

Invocation

Themes and Issues:

Different behavioral standards for men/women

How is justice applied?

The value of honesty