

Books 15-16

Comprehension Check

Directions: To give you a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of the poem, answer the following questions **using complete sentences** and quotes from the text when you can.

of paper.

1. Why are Penelope's father and brothers pressuring her to marry Eurymachus?
2. Why did Peisistratus resist Telemachus's request to leave immediately?
3. What is the eagle a sign of?
4. In Eumaeus's case, how has Zeus "set some good/Alongside the evil . . ."?
5. What is the omen that the hawk brings?
6. How does Telemachus show respect for his father even before he knows his identity?
7. Why does Minerva advise Ulysses to reveal his identity to Telemachus?
8. Who does Ulysses say will be their allies?
9. Why does Telemachus question Ulysses's choice of allies?
10. How did Penelope find out that the suitors were plotting to kill Telemachus?