

The Odyssey

Study Questions – Book 10



Content Questions

1. What gift does Aeolus give Odysseus?
2. Why does Aiolos refuse to help Odysseus a second time?
3. In what ways are the Laistrygonês like the Kyklopês?
4. What happens to Odysseus' fleet?
5. What was unusual about the wolves and lions around Kirkê's residence?
6. Does Kirkê live in a palace or a cave?
7. Who is Eurylokhos?
8. What happens to all but one of Odysseus' men in the first platoon?
9. What is molü [moly] and how does Odysseus learn about it?
10. How does Kirkê know who Odysseus is?
11. What promise does Odysseus make Kirkê give before going to bed with her?
12. How long does Odysseus stay with Kirkê?
13. Who is Elpenor?
14. Who prompts Odysseus to finally leave?
15. Where does Kirkê tell Odysseus he has to travel before he can head home?

Analytical Questions

1. What kind of woman does Kirkê represent?
2. If Odysseus is such a faithful husband, how do you explain his dalliance with Kirkê? What does that say about how Akhaian men viewed themselves versus how they viewed their women?

