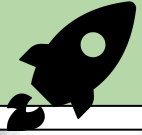
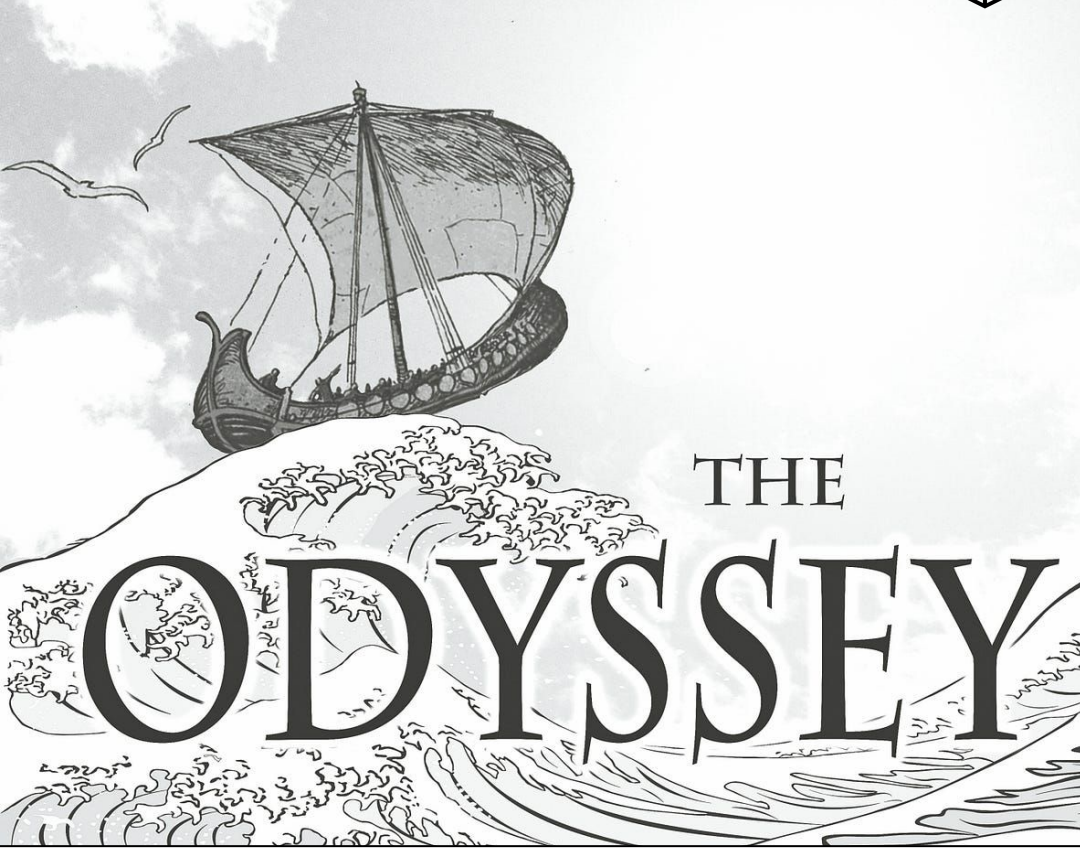


Summer Reading Project



Level up to Secondary English!



Name:

Form:

Form Tutor:

Remember to hand your completed booklet in to your new form tutor in your first week at Wardle!

A bit about **us**!

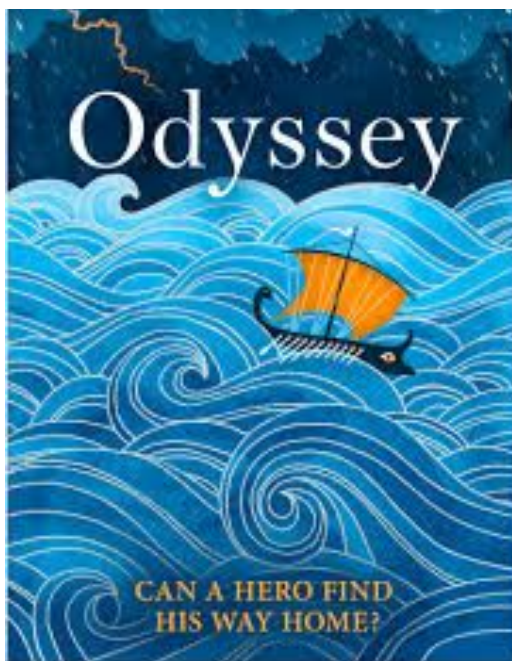


The English teachers here at Wardle Academy wish to give you the warmest welcome. How? The best way we know... with **reading**!

Over the summer period, your project is **to listen along with your new teachers**, who will read the first nine extracts to you from The Odyssey.

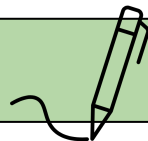
Have this pack to hand because here you'll find a range of **activities based** on the **story**.

That means, in September, you can talk to your new English teacher about the **fantastic work you have completed** over the summer.



"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body"

A bit about **you**!



Write a **summary** of your **favourite book** here:

Who's who in The Odyssey?



The story follows the Greek hero, Odysseus, who is trying to return home to his family after fighting in the Trojan War. He uses his strength and cunning to defeat many challenges along the way.

Here are some characters that you will encounter as you read:

Odysseus -

King of Ithaca and hero of Troy

Poseidon -

God of the sea

Cyclops -

One-eyed giants

Circe -

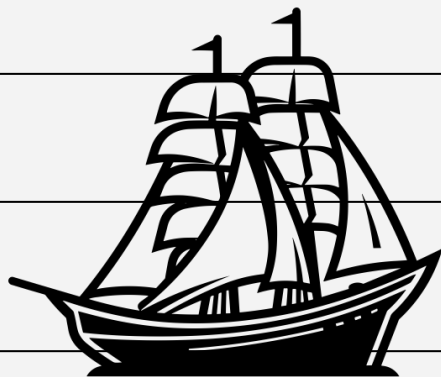
A sorceress

The Sirens -

A creature that is half-bird, half-woman

Penelope -

Queen of Ithaca and wife of Odysseus



Who's who in the Wardle English Department?



Miss Coltas -
Director of
Faculty



Miss Clayton -
KS3 Lead



Miss Harris -
Assistant
Director of
Faculty



Mr Greenhalgh -
Lead
Practitioner and
Literacy Lead

Greek Gods and Heroes



The Greeks believed gods watched over them. In **The Odyssey**, they have a profound effect on Odysseus and his adventure.

Here are some of the gods you will meet in The Odyssey:

Greek Gods

Zeus

Zeus was the most powerful of all the gods. He was god of the sky and the king of Olympus. His temper affected the weather, and he threw thunderbolts when he was unhappy. He was married to Hera. Zeus had the power to transform his shape. He was ruler of all other gods and was seen as powerful, strong and unpredictable.

Did You Know?

Zeus' father was worried his children would betray him, so he ate his children.



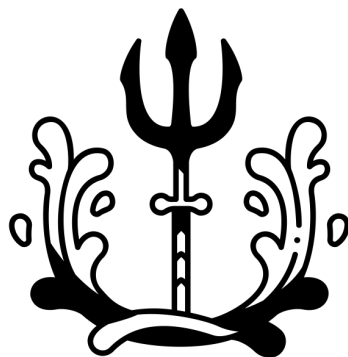
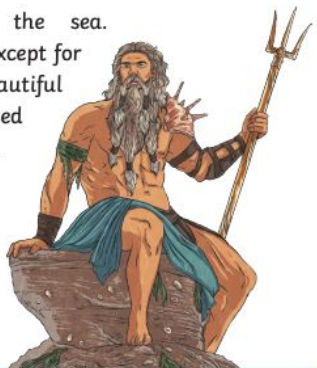
Greek Gods

Poseidon

Poseidon was the god of the sea. He was the most powerful god except for his brother, Zeus. He lived in a beautiful palace under the sea and caused earthquakes when he was angry.

Did You Know...?

Sailors would pray to Poseidon before a voyage for calm seas and safe passage.



Greek Gods

Athena

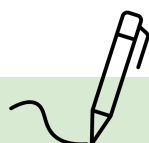
Athena was the goddess of wisdom. Her symbol was an owl.

Did You Know?

Athena didn't have a mum. Instead, she was born fully grown out of Zeus' head wearing armour.



Who is your **favourite god** so far? Explain why here:



The Odyssey - Extract 1

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What is the title of this extract?



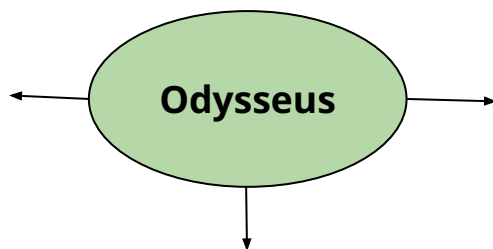
Odysseus is prevented from returning home by the powerful Goddess, Calypso.



What would you miss most about your home?
Describe it in a short paragraph.

How might Odysseus feel knowing he cannot get home?

Add at three **adjectives** to the mind map below that could describe his emotions.



Quick fire question:

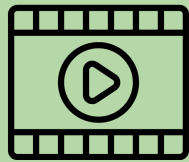


1) Who is going to help Odysseus get **home**?

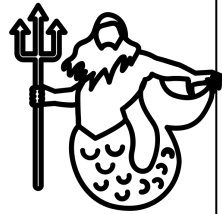


The Odyssey - Extract 2

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Poseidon is titled God of the Sea and Lord of the Earthquake.

Draw a sketch of powerful Poseidon.



'Enraged' means very angry!

List more **synonyms** (*different words that express the same meaning*) for **'angry'** below:

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Quick fire question:

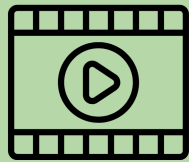


1) What sight enraged Poseidon?

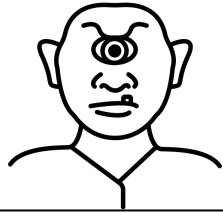


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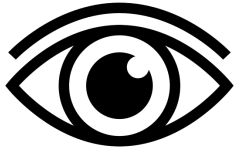
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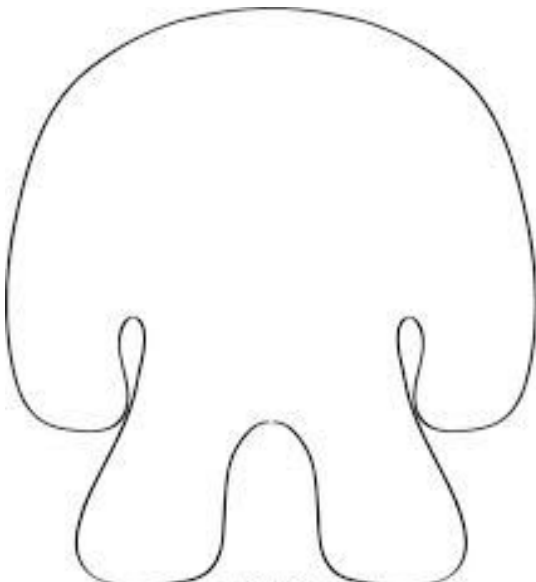
Cyclops, creature with one eye, comes from the Greek for 'round-eyed' with 'kuklos' meaning circle and 'ops' meaning eye.



What other words do you know that link to eyes that use the root 'ops'?
Think 'optical illusion'.



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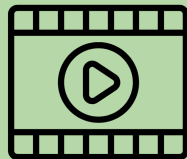


Bring your own
**mythical
monster** to life
using the
template!

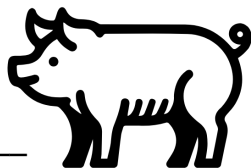
Make sure you
give your
creation a
name.

The Odyssey - Extract 4

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What is the title of this extract?



In Extract 4, Odysseus' men are enchanted after eating from a feast which has been prepared by Circe. After eating the irresistible feast, they are turned into **pigs**.

Choose **one** of the following activities to complete.

1. Describe a **feast** you would love to attend. You can include what types of foods you would want and who you would want to be there.

OR



2. Describe what kind of **magical powers** you could have if you could choose anything. In this case, Circe can enchant people to become pigs, but your powers could be anything!

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The Odyssey - Extract 5

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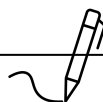
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Siren, a warning signal, comes from Greek mythology and the story of the Sirens – water nymphs who lured sailors to their death with their singing.

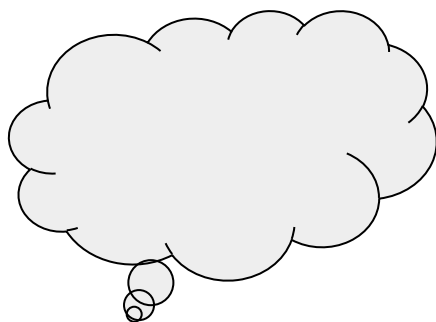
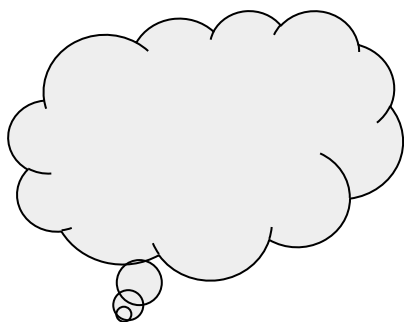
Create a small poem/song that they may sing.

Don't forget, they are trying to persuade Odysseus to follow!



The whirlpool and the monster that Odysseus men get stuck between is also the source of the **metaphor** **'between a rock and a hard place'** meaning caught between two impossible choices.

Can you think of any other common **metaphors** you might use regularly?



The Odyssey - Extract 6

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What is the title of this extract?



Penelope is **the wife of Odysseus, King of Ithaca.**



She remains faithful to her husband throughout his absence of **twenty years**, despite having 108 suitors vying for her hand in marriage.

She waits and waits for Odysseus to return home, remaining always hopeful that the day will come.

How does it feel to have to wait for something?	How does it feel when you finally receive it?



Describe a time when you or someone you know had to wait patiently.

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What is the title of this extract?



Odysseus finally returns home disguised as a beggar.

His wife Penelope devises a contest where the suitors must string Odysseus's bow and shoot an arrow through 12 axe handles.

Whoever wins the contest will be allowed to marry her.

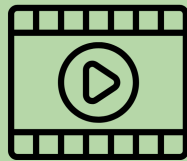


Do you think Odysseus will **win**? Write what you think will happen next in the story.

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The Odyssey - Extract 8

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What is the title of this extract?



Odysseus wins a contest to prove his identity. But what happens next? Find out in September!

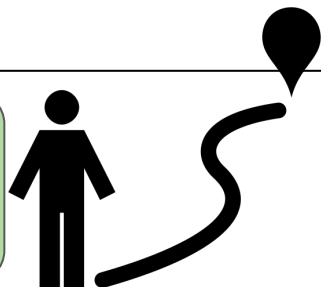


Well done for finishing the extracts of The Odyssey!

Did you know that **'odyssey'** means a **long and eventful or adventurous journey or experience?**

It's soon time to **embark on your own eventful journey** here at Wardle Academy. As you encounter your own new challenges and experiences, the English department will be here to guide you along the way.

Happy summer and happy reading!



Liked The Odyssey so far? Then you'll love these!

- Ash Minstry and the Savage Fortress (& sequels) by Sarwat Chadda
- Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans
- Beast Keeper (& the Beasts of Olympus series) by Lucy Coats
- Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer
- Gregor the Overlander (& the Underland Chronicles series) by Suzanne Collins
- The Fire Thief (& sequels) by Terry Deary
- Zeus on the Loose (& sequels) by John Doherty
- Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths by Bernard Evslin
- Who Let the Gods Out (& sequels) by Maz Evans
- Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan (& sequels) by John Flanagan
- Inkheart (& sequels) or The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
- The Magnificent 12: The Call (& sequels) by Michael Grant
- The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- The Odyssey: A Graphic novel by Garth Hinds
- Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy
- Seven Wonders: The Colossus Rises (& sequels) by Peter Larangis
- The Adventure of Odysseus by Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden & Christina Balit
- The Orchard Book of Greek Myths by Geraldine McCaughrean
- Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo
- Fablehaven (& sequels) by Brandon Mull
- Mark of the Thief (& sequels) by Jennifer Nielson
- The Flame of Olympus (& sequels) by Katie O'Hearn
- Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer (& sequels) by Rick Riordan

