



The Odyssey
an epic poem by Homer

Learning Intention: Explore and understand the key elements of the epic poem, its origins and development.

Success Criteria: You are going to record the most important facts about classical Greek culture and literature.

Directions: (a) Use the websites listed to answer the questions for each section. **Do not cut and paste answers.** The brain learns when you go through the motion of reading, typing, and rereading. (b) Prepare to **summarize** your ideas in a paragraph of 50+ words.

I. Gods, Goddesses, and Heroes:

1. What does it mean if a culture is **polytheistic** (1 point)?

2. What was the purpose of the Greek myths (2 points)?

3. How did the Greeks explain the presence of thunder during a storm (2 points)?

4. What two poems did the poet Homer write (2 points)?

- a)
- b)

II. The Soap Opera from Hellas

5. Read paragraph #2 of this section. How are the gods and goddesses described (2 points)?

III. Ancient Greek Values

6. List the 4 values listed on the website (4 points).

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)

7. Choose 1 of the values from above that you think is most important. Why do you think it is most important? Write 2+ sentences to explain your reason(s) (4 points).



IV. The Trojan Horse

8. What is the setting and who is the main character of the myth of the Trojan horse (2 points)?

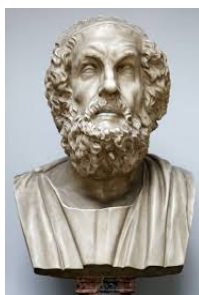
(a) Setting:
(b) Protagonist:

9. Why did the Trojan army build the horse? **HIGHLIGHT** the correct answer. (1 point)

- (a) They traded the "horse" for the return of Helen, who had been kidnapped by the Prince of Troy.
- (b) They offered it as a peace offering to the city of Troy, but this was a trick.
- (c) They owed money to the people of Troy and offered the horse as payment.

10. Summarize the webquest. What similarities and/or differences do you see among the key ideas you recorded. Write your answer in paragraph form in 50+ words. (5 points)

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1. What is the "Homeric Question"? (1 point)

2. What two poems did the poet Homer write? (2 points)

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II. Gods, Goddesses, and Heroes

1. What does it mean if a culture is **polytheistic**? (1 point)

2. What are the 2 main purposes of the Greek myths? (2 points)

(1)
(2)

3. Pick 2 Gods or Goddesses from the chart that interest you. In your own words, explain their important attributes. (4 points)

(1)

(2)

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IV. The Trojan War

1. Summarize the start of the Trojan War in your own words. Write 4+ sentences. (4 points)

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3. What was the result of the Trojan Horse scheme? **HIGHLIGHT** the correct answer. (1 point)

- (d) The God Zeus arrived and destroyed both the Greeks and the city of Troy.

(e) There was a peaceful compromise between the nations of Greece and Troy.

(f) The Greek army entered Troy and conquered the city and its people.

V. Review

1. Summarize the webquest. What is the most interesting thing you learned? What would you hope to learn more about? Write your answer in paragraph form in 50+ words. (5 points)

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