

Summer Reading Assignment
English 9 Honors and Gifted
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This assignment must be typed and turned in the first day of English class. The assignment must be available as a Word or text document; this will be submitted to Turnitin.com during the first week of class to check for plagiarism. This means the assignment must be typed **and saved**. **Late work will not receive credit.**

Part I:

Character Identification

Identify each of the following characters by writing a brief summary of who they are and what role they have in the novel.

Odysseus-	Melantho-	Penelope-	Lord Leodes-
Agamemnon-	Pheobus Apollo-	Klymene-	Lysander-
Ikarios-	Amphimedon-	Telemachus-	Antinous-
Antikleia-	Mydon-	Pallas Athena-	Artemis-
Eurykleia-	Ares-	Hades-	Eumaeus-
Argos-	Calypso-	Laertes-	Aphrodite-
Poseidon-			

Part II:

Reader Response Entries

You will be keeping a journal as you read the novel. As you read, look for quotations that are significant to you. At the top of each journal entry, type the exact quote and page number. Beneath the quote, write your analysis of the quote's significance.

You may choose quotes and analyze them based on:

- how they develop plot, conflict, character, symbol, theme, style, irony, diction, or other literary aspects.
- how the passage connects to you personally. Perhaps it reminds you of something similar you have experienced.

Or, you can:

- give your personal response to the passage. Questions to consider while reading would be: *When I read that _____, I was reminded of _____.* *I was surprised that...* *This reminds me of...* *I'm wondering.....* *I learned...* *I feel sorry for...* *I connected to...*
- make connections between the passage to anything else in the world: the news, history, other people you know, movies, music or other things you have read.

Finally, at least two of your entries should be passages that analyze the development of the theme of loyalty in the novel. Many characters struggle with what or whom to remain loyal to. Certain characters are staunchly loyal; other characters are obviously disloyal to either themselves or others.

Requirements:

- Must have 10 entries.
- Entries must be drawn from all parts of the novel. A minimum of three entries must be taken from each of these three sections of the novel:
 1. Pages 3-125 (Chapters: *Before the War* to *The Suitors Arrive*)
 2. Pages 127-232 (Chapters: *Quarrels* to *Talking to Penelope*)
 3. Pages 234-360 (Chapters: *Klymene and Mydon* to *On the Shore*)
- ***WE DO NOT WANT SUMMARIES***

