

CHARACTERS

Alcinous (al SIHN oh uhs)—king of the Phaeacians, to whom Odysseus tells his story

Odysseus (oh DIHS ee uhs)—king of Ithaca

Calyпсо (kuh LIHP soh)—sea goddess who loves Odysseus

Circe (SUR see)—enchantress who helps Odysseus

Zeus (zoos)—king of the gods

Apollo (uh POL oh)—god of music, poetry, prophecy, and medicine

Agamemnon (ag uh MEHM non)—king and leader of Greek forces

Poseidon (poh SY duhn)—god of sea, earthquakes, horses, and storms at sea

Athena (uh THEE nuh)—goddess of wisdom, skills, and warfare

Polyphemus (pol ih FEE muhs)—the Cyclops who imprisons Odysseus

Laertes (lay UR teez)—Odysseus' father

Cronus (KROH nuhs)—Titan ruler of the universe; father of Zeus

Perimedes (pehr uh MEE deez)—member of Odysseus' crew

Eurylochus (yoo RIHL uh kuhs)—another member of the crew

Tiresias (ty REE see uhs)—blind prophet who advises Odysseus

Persephone (puhr SEHF uh nee)—wife of Hades

Telemachus (tuh LEHM uh kuhs)—Odysseus and Penelope's son

Sirens (SY ruhnz)—creatures whose songs lure sailors to their deaths

Scylla (SIHL uh)—sea monster of gray rock

Charybdis (kuh RIHB dihs)—enormous and dangerous whirlpool

Lampetia (lahm PEE shuh)—nymph

Hermes (HUR meez)—herald and messenger of the gods

Eumaeus (yoo MEE uhs)—old swineherd and friend of Odysseus

Antinous (ant IHN oh uhs)—leader among the suitors

Eurynome (yoo RIHN uh mee)—housekeeper for Penelope

Penelope (puh NEHL uh pee)—Odysseus' wife

Eurymachus (yoo RIH muh kuhs)—suitor

Amphinomus (am FIHN uh muhs)—suitor