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## The Odyssey Epic Hero Essay

The epic hero, the central character of an epic, is a complex figure. He possesses qualities superior to those of most men, yet he remains recognizably human. Write a well-developed essay of at least four paragraphs evaluating Odysseus as a classic epic hero. Use specific reasons, examples, and quotations from the epic to support your opinion. In the final paragraph, discuss whether you admire and like Odysseus or not. *Be certain not to use 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> person pronouns in this essay; the tone must remain objective.*



There are three main questions to consider:

- ◆ In what ways does Odysseus stand out from normal men?
- ◆ At what points in the story does he seem more like an ordinary man with weaknesses and limitations?
- ◆ Do you like and admire Odysseus? Tell why you do or do not.