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ODYSSEY PEOPLE AND PLACES

- Homer:** blind poet of ancient Greece credited as the author of the epic The Odyssey
- The Muses:** nine sisters; daughter of Zeus who inspire people to produce music, poetry, dance, and other arts (Calliope is the muse of epic poetry)
- Odysseus:** hero of The Odyssey; well-known for his strength and intellect
(ō dīs´ ē əs)
- Helios:** the sun god; drives chariot with sun through the sky daily; Odysseus' men eat his cattle
(hē´ lē ōs)
- Troy:** also known as Ilium; famous city burned to the ground by Greeks in the Trojan War, located in modern day Turkey
- Telemachus:** son of Odysseus and Penelope
(tə lēm´ ə kəs)
- Penelope:** wife of Odysseus; mother of Telemachus
(pə nēl´ ə pē)
- Laertes:** Odysseus' old father; lives in the country on Ithaca
(lā´ ūr tēz)
- Zeus:** supreme ruler of the gods; he upheld law, justice and morals, and this made him the spiritual leader of both gods and men; known to throw lightning bolts
(zōōs)
- Ithaca:** Odysseus' kingdom; island off west coast of Greece
(ĩ´ thə kə)
- Ogygia:** beautiful island home of Calypso
(ō gī´ jə)
- Calypso:** beautiful nymph-goddess who keeps Odysseus seven years; one of the nymphs of fountains and streams
(kə lĩp´ sō)
- Mt. Olympus:** home of the gods; highest mountain in Greece
(ō lĩm´ pəs)
- Athena:** also known as Pallas Athena; birthed when sprung from Zeus' head; goddess of storms, valiant battle and noble warriors, as well as wisdom
(ə thē´ nə)
- Pylos:** kingdom of Nestor
(pĩ´ lōs)
- Nestor:** hero of Trojan War
(nēs´ tōr)
- Menelaus:** brother of Agamemnon; husband of Helen; king of Sparta
(men´ ə lā əs)

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Sparta: (spär´ tə)	kingdom of Menelaus and Helen
Helen:	beautiful wife of King Menelaus; her elopement with Paris, prince of Troy, started the Trojan War
Achaeans: (ə kē´ ənz)	general term for Greeks
Argives: (är´ gīvz)	Greeks who fought at Troy
Antinous: (än tīn´ ō əs)	one of Penelope's leading suitors; arrogant and mean young noble of Ithaca
Hermes: (hur´ mēz)	the messenger god; known for his winged sandals
Eurycleia: (yoo rī klī´ yə)	Odysseus' old nurse
Trojan War:	war against Troy waged by the Greek city-states for the return of Helen; Troy was burned to the ground
Cyclops: (sī´ klōps)	plural Cyclopes (sī´ klō pēz) - race of brutish, one eyed giants who live solitary lives as shepherds on the present day island of Sicily
Polyphemus: (pōl´ ə phē´ məs)	Cyclops son of Poseidon; blinded by Odysseus
Poseidon: (pō sī´ dən)	god of the sea; god of earthquakes; father of Polyphemus
Nausicaa: (nō sīk´ ā ə)	the beautiful young daughter of King Alcinous and Queen Arete of Phaeacia
Alcinous: (əl sīn´ ō əs)	the king of Phaeacia; father of Nausicaa; Odysseus tells his story of adventures to Alcinous' court
Phaeacia: (fē ā´ shə)	island kingdom ruled by Alcinous; Phaeacians (fē ā´ shənz) are shipbuilders and traders
Apollo: (ə pōl´ ō)	god of archery, music, poetry, dance, intellectual curiosity, and the protector of flocks and herds
Lotus Eaters:	a friendly people that fed themselves with the fruit of the lotus tree; those who ate the fruit forgot their friends & homes & lost all desire to return home
Circe: (sūr´ sē)	the sorceress who turns Odysseus' men into swine; renowned for her knowledge of magic and poisonous herbs; daughter of the sun
Aeaea: (ē ē´ ə)	home of Circe
Agamemnon: (äg ə mēm´ nŏn)	brother of Menelaus; king of Mycenae; leader of Greek forces during the Trojan War; murdered by his wife and her new lover upon his return home

Dawn:	the goddess of dawn; described as having rosy fingers and rosy hair
Laestrygonians: (lī strī gō´ nē ənz)	race of giant cannibals who threw rocks and boulders at Odysseus' fleet, destroying all the ships and eating the corpses except Odysseus' ship
Aeolus: (ē´ ō ləs)	the wind king who lives on the island of the winds, Aeolia (ē´ ō lə).
Eurylochus: (yoo rīl´ ō kəs)	member of Odysseus' crew
Persephone: (pūr sēf´ ə nē)	wife of Hades; queen of the underworld (land of the dead)
Hades:	immortal (god) ruler of the underworld
Tiresias: (tī rē´ sē əs)	famous blind prophet from the city of Thebes
Erebus: (ē´ rə bəs)	a region in the land of the dead
Thrinacia: (thrī nā´ kē ə)	island where the sun god Helios pastured his sacred cattle
Anticleia: (ən tē klā´ ə)	daughter of Autolychus; mother of Odysseus; died of a broken heart when Odysseus didn't return from Trojan War
Sirens:	creatures with the head of a female and the body of a bird; the irresistible charm of their song lures sailors to their destruction on the rocks surrounding their island
Scylla: (sīl´ ə)	a nymph who jealous Circe changed into a frightful monster; has twelve feet and six heads, each with three rows of teeth; below the waist her body was made up of hideous monsters, like dogs, which barked unceasingly; believed to be a dangerous rock in the Straits of Messina; whenever a ship passed, each of her heads would seize one of the crew
Charybdis: (kə rīb´ dīs)	a female monster who sucks in water three times a daily; thought to be a deadly whirlpool in the Straits of Messina
Eumaeus: (yoo mē´ əs)	a swineherd; one of Odysseus' loyal servants
Argus: (är´ gās)	Odysseus' old, faithful dog
Cronus: (krō´ nəs)	father of Zeus; Titan who ate all his children to keep them from overthrowing his rule
Furies:	also known as the Fates the three goddesses who control the destiny of everyone from the time they were born to the time they died
Hephaestus: (hə fēs´ təs)	god of fire; god of artisans and crafts

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