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Jolly/English

Study Guide for The Odyssey (Fitzgerald translation)

Asterisks indicate names of more than routine importance. Some names are not listed; these you will not be held responsible for. But you must be able to identify all listed names.

Book V	<u>Humans</u>	<u>Place Names</u>	<u>Gods & supernaturals</u>
	None	Skheria (Phaiakia)*	Ino*

Reading guide questions: Read these over before you read the text. Read them again after you've read. You can check to see if you've understood the reading this way. Jot down notes for reference for each question; complete sentences are not required.

1. When Zeus sends Hermes to Kalypso, Zeus lays down some rules about the way Odysseus is to return and makes some predictions about the return. What are these rules? These predictions?
- ~~2. Describe Kalypso's grotto. What is Odysseus doing when Hermes arrives?~~
3. Note how Hermes speaks. How is it different from Kalypso's? Whose will must all bend to?
4. What criticism does she level at the gods for taking Odysseus away? What did she plan to do for Odysseus if he stayed with her? What will she do for him upon his leaving?
5. Notice that when Kalypso tells Odysseus that he may go, she omits telling him the truth about why he gets to leave. What does she fail to tell him?
6. Notice Odysseus' response. What does he make her do to ensure his safety? What does this tell us about his intelligence?
7. What two things does Odysseus say he longs for more than anything else?
- ~~8. Describe the vehicle Odysseus makes for his return. What does Kalypso contribute?~~
9. How long does it take O to get to Phaiakia? What prevents his landing at once?
- ~~10. Who saves him? How long is he adrift without his boat?~~
11. Who takes pity on Odysseus as he flounders in the water? How does she help? Who else does he pray to?
- ~~12. What does he do upon landing?~~