

Day 31

- Welcome back.
- Please have your homework out.
- Enjoy your reading. See you in 15 minutes.



# Share with your partner

- Something interesting about your choice book.
- Your best annotation regarding one of the big ideas from the bookmark. Should be from a recent reading.

# Term of the day: allegory

- *The representation of abstract ideas or principles by characters, figures, or events in narrative or pictorial form.*
- Example: *Animal Farm* is an allegory that uses the story of farm animals to describe the story of the Communist Revolution in Russia.

# Jonathan Shay

- a psychologist who works with war veterans.
  - focuses on understanding and treating PTSD.
  - Sees PTSD as “an injury, not an illness”
  - argues that PTSD is not an illness but the persistence of adaptive behaviors needed to survive in a stressful environment (like war)
- Wrote *Odysseus in America: Combat Trauma and the Trials of Homecoming*.
  - *The Odyssey* is an allegory for what trials war veterans may experience when they have lingering behaviors

# Read as a class

- Follow along as we read “Odysseus Among the Civilians” which is a short excerpt from Shay’s book.



# Handout

1. **Read** the **excerpt** and the **list** with your group.
2. **Review** the list of other obstacles Shay argues veterans sometimes experience and **connect** those experiences to Odysseus' experiences.
3. Write **notes** on the back of day 31 (notes).
  - Be sure each obstacle is connected to a **specific detail/moment in *The Odyssey***.
    - At least **three** of your details need to include a **cited direct quote** from the book.

# Journal Part 1

- What is one connection you made between Odysseus' experiences and those that modern combat veterans may experience? Write a proper "body paragraph":
  - Start with a topic sentence that makes the connection between the experience of combat veterans and Odysseus.
  - Introduce your quote by giving background to the upcoming quote and properly punctuating it.
  - Write a cited quote that proves what you wrote in your topic sentence.
  - Write a full warrant (3-5 sentences) that explains how the quote you supplied proves your topic sentence.



# Journal Part 2

- After reviewing the similarities between Odysseus and the modern veteran, has your opinion of Odysseus changed at all? If so, in what ways and why. If not, explain why not.

- Share-out of journals.
- If there is time left over, work on one of the following:
  - Late in-class work (graph, Odysseus good/bad grid)
  - Start reading and annotating tonight's reading homework