

Subjects/Big Ideas in *The Odyssey*

Directions: Find some important pieces of evidence from your reading (that we didn't read in class) that you think hint at a detail about ancient Greek culture or society. Try to focus on a variety of subjects from a variety of places in the text. If the quotes you use aren't already annotated in your text, you should be sure to add that annotation.

Focus Big Idea/Subject (should be one of the elements from the bookmark)	Quote from <i>The Odyssey</i> about one of the subjects/big ideas. Cite it.	What does this quote might reveal about ancient Greek society and culture?
Heroic Traits	“he suffered much by sea while trying to save his own life and bring his men safely home” (Homer 11).	This shows that the Greeks perhaps wanted or at least allowed their heroes to prioritize themselves over others. This is shown because Odysseus worries about himself before he worries about his men.
Fate	“It rests with heaven to determine whether he is to return, and to take his revenge on his own house or no” (Homer 15).	
