

The Odyssey by Brayden JAN 2025

The Odyssey is an amazing Novel written by Homer. The main character, Odysseus is a sneaky, cunning, and adventurous warrior who is dedicated to his family and kingdom. He endures many thrilling adventures and quests within his long journey back to Ithaca from Troy. Odysseus left his family when Telemachus was just a baby to go fight for Ithaca in the war. He was a well known legend around Greece, also being the king. having a great reputation for his great bravery and perseverance.

When Telemachus grows older he decides to set off to go find his father, not knowing his whereabouts. Luckily, he had the help of the Greek gods Athena, Zeus, and more. Athena was committed to the wellbeing of Odysseus and his family because he was in favor of the gods. Little did Telemachus know, Odysseus was struggling with his own obstacles preventing him from getting closer to home. He had many encounters with different gods and goddesses like Circe, Scylla, Polyphemus and many more, all with their own unique story and adventure. Odysseus has many near-death experiences that cause a thrill for any reader. Meanwhile, Penelope, Odysseus' wife, was facing many troubles herself. The Suitors of Ithaca were attempting to marry Penelope while raiding their home for their possessions. She uses her clever tactics to avoid this, staying loyal to her husband at war. All while was robbed, and put down for her stubbornness, but in the end it was all worth it.

Athena plays a crucial role in the safety of Telemachus and Odysseus. She guides Odysseus on his journey and saves him countless times for his capturers. While Telemachus was at sea searching for his father, Athena gave directions and assisted his journey. She offered protection from the people who were trying to cease his adventure for his beloved father. They also had the help of Zeus and Hermes delivering messages and giving Athena a hand when she needed a favor. They influenced every king and queen that Telemachus met to give him anything he needed on his journey for his long awaited father who has been lost at sea and war for 10 years.

It is worth noting that the people Odysseus and his crew met along their voyage displays grand amounts of hospitality for all of them. The kindness that was shown to them impacted the overall outcome of his homecoming and adventures. Although there were many gods, goddesses, and creatures that held them back from continuing their long awaited journey, the reunion was thoroughly fought for. Every person Odysseus met along the way played a role and without them, the ending would not have been fulfilled. This book is sure to leave a lasting impact and moral to the reader. Not only because of its heartwarming content and thrilling adventures, but because of the true journey and outcome of the story. I recommend this book to anyone looking for an exciting, thrilling, adventure because this classic book will fulfill all of those needs.