The Adventures of Ulysses Study Guide

Identify the following:

Ulysses –
Penelope –
Telemachos –
Ithaca –
Alcinoos –

1. What are some characteristics of a “hero”?

2. Why are Ulysses and his men in Troy?

3. How many ships did Ulysses begin with on his journey from Troy?

4. What happens when the men eat the Lotus plant?

5. How does Ulysses end up on the island of the Cyclops? What were they looking for?

6. What is the Cyclops’ name? Describe him.

7. How does Ulysses anger the Cyclops?
8. In what two ways does Ulysses trick the Cyclops?

9. How do the men escape the Cyclops?

10. So far, how has Ulysses demonstrated strong leadership?

11. How does Aeolus (Keeper of the Winds) help Ulysses and his men?

12. What is in the bag?

13. Opinion – Should Ulysses have told his men about the contents of the bag?

14. What do the men mistake the giant cannibals for?

15. What is unusual about the animals on Circe’s island?

16. How does Hermes/Mercury (Messenger God) help Ulysses?

17. What has Circe done to Ulysses’ men?

18. What does Ulysses do to get his men back?

19. How does Circe help Ulysses?
20. Who must Ulysses speak to in the Underworld?

21. Who does Ulysses meet in the Underworld?

22. What two things do Ulysses and his men do to get passed the Sirens?

23. What are Scylla and Charbydis?

24. What are the men told NOT to do on the Island of the Sun?

25. How does Ulysses’ men trick him?

26. Why is Ulysses the only one not perish?

27. Who frees Ulysses from Calypso?

28. How does Ino help Ulysses?

29. Who is Nausicaa and how do her people help Ulysses?

30. What happen to the Phaeacians?

31. What does Ulysses disguise himself as when he returns home?
32. Who recognizes Ulysses and how?

33. Which two servants remained loyal to Ulysses?

34. What is the contest?

35. Who wins the contest?

36. Throughout the story, what characteristics did Ulysses show that made him a hero?