

Review Sheet for First Test
Material: Books One-Six of Homer's *Odyssey*

Format: The test will be divided into two parts. The first part will feature short-answer questions based on the material found in the first six books; see examples below. This first part will be worth 50 points, spelling, capitalization, and legibility will be factors in your point calculation. The second part will feature excerpts from the text, (usually between 6-10 lines, with a notation beneath which will provide you with the book and line numbers of the passage), for each passage you will be asked to answer questions about the passage, see examples below. This portion of the test will feature one passage from each of the six books and will be worth 50 points, spelling, capitalization, and legibility will be factors in your point calculation.

Tips for studying:

- Read the text once through. You can divide your available time between reviewing what you have already read and going on to read any of the material you have not yet had a chance to cover.
- Write a list of characters as you come across them in the text. This will be extremely helpful for the first part of the test.
- Map out how the characters are related to one another, such as family trees. For instance, Peisistratus is the son of Nestor, who is the son of Neleus.
- The test will be open book, meaning you are free to use the text to look up/confirm your answers. **NOTE:** Surfing the web, googling your answers may lead you to provide incorrect information. In the case of answers that have clearly been mined from the internet, you will forfeit this test.

How the test will be administered:

- The test will start at 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday. Attendance will be taken by receipt of your test. You will take the test on your computer, you can create a separate document or you can simply enter your answers into the body of an email. You will have until 6:20 p.m. to submit your test. The test questions will be shown to you via a screen share and will also be uploaded as a document to the chat function in Zoom. When you are done, you will send your answers to me via my email address, mmcnamara@gradcenter.cuny.edu. These instructions will appear on the test so there is no need to write this down now.

Part One: The following are possible questions that you will see on the test.

1. Who is the daughter of Proteus who meets Menelaus and counsels him on a safe return home?
2. Which suitor of Penelope tells Telemachus that his mother has deceived them and therefore they will never return to their own homes?
3. What disguise does Pallas Athena use to lead Telemachus and his men from Ithaka to Pylos?

Part Two: Read the following passage and answer the questions below the passage.

“Look, Pisistratus – joy of my heart, my friend – the sheen of bronze
the blaze of gold and amber, silver, ivory too, through all of this
echoing mansion! . . . My eyes dazzle . . . I am struck with wonder.”

Homer, *Odyssey*, 4.68-82

1. Who is the speaker?
2. Where are they situated?
3. Where did the owner of all of these riches collect them, provide all three places.
4. Why do these riches not provide the owner with the joy that Telemachus clearly thinks they should?