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Guided Reading for *The Adventures of Ulysses*

Instructions: Complete as many of the items about the novel *The Adventures of Ulysses* on this page as you can. Then, while reading (or after completing) the assigned portions of the novel, answer the questions on the following pages in your notebook. BE SURE TO PUT A COMPLETE HEADING ON EACH SET OF ANSWERS!

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and Concepts: _____

Guided Reading for *The Adventures of Ulysses*: Question Set 1

Ch. 1: “Ships and Men” (pp. 1-3)

1. How many men does Ulysses start with?
2. What are their boats like?
3. What are the disadvantages of the boats?

Ch. 2: “The Ciconians” (pp. 4-9)

1. How does greed lead the men into trouble in this episode?
2. Why does Eurylochus want Ulysses to kill him?

Ch. 3: “The Lotus Eaters” (pp. 10-15)

1. What is the effect of the lotus flower?
2. What does Ulysses dream of?
3. How does Ulysses demonstrate strength in this episode?

Ch. 4: “The Cyclops’ Cave” (pp. 16-26)

1. Why does Ulysses fear a mutiny?
2. Describe the Cyclopes.
3. How is the wine useful to Ulysses?
4. How many men are killed in the cave?
5. How do they escape?
6. How does Ulysses’s *hubris* (pride) bring him trouble?

Ch. 5: “Keeper of the Winds” (pp. 27-40)

1. Who is Aeolus?
2. Why does Aeolus offer to help Ulysses?
3. What does Aeolus give to Ulysses?
4. How does greed interfere with this gift?
5. How might Ulysses have prevented this disaster?
6. Why won’t Aeolus help Ulysses any more?

Guided Reading for *The Adventures of Ulysses*: Question Set 2

Ch. 6: “Cannibal Beach” (pp. 41-46)

1. What is unusual about the setting of this episode?
2. What are the inhabitants of the island like, and how do they treat Ulysses and his crew?
3. How many of the original ships remain at the end of this episode?

Ch. 7: “Circe” (47-70)

1. After exploring the island alone at first, why does Ulysses decide it will be all right to stay?
2. What strange thing do the animals near the castle do?
3. What are some of Circe’s skills?
4. Though Circe at first seems to offer hospitality, what does she do to Ulysses’s men?
5. How is Ulysses able to protect himself from Circe’s magic?
6. How does the experience on this island interfere with Ulysses’s goal of getting home?
7. What choice must Ulysses finally make? What type of conflict is this?
8. Where does Circe tell Ulysses he must go on his journey?

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Ch. 8: “The Land of the Dead” (pp. 71-81)

1. According to what Circe had been foretold, why does Ulysses need to go to the Land of the Dead?
2. What happens to Elpenor?
3. What does Ulysses believe a white seagull is?
4. What strange things do Ulysses and his men see in the Underworld?
5. What happens when the spirits drink the blood of the sacrificed goats?
6. Who is Anticleia?
7. What advice does Achilles give Ulysses about the Sirens?
8. What does Ajax warn Ulysses about?
9. What does Elpenor ask Ulysses to do for him?
10. What advice does Teiresias give Ulysses?

Ch. 9: “The Wandering Rocks” (pp. 82-85)

1. At first, what is Ulysses’s attitude toward all the predictions of Achilles, Ajax, Elpenor, and Teiresias?
2. How do the floating rocks interfere with Ulysses’s ship?

Ch. 10: “The Sirens” (pp. 86-90)

1. What is dangerous about the Sirens?
2. What precautions does Ulysses take to keep his men safe when they near the Sirens?
3. What do the Sirens look like?

Ch. 11: “Scylla and Charybdis” (pp. 91-95)

1. Describe Scylla and Charybdis.
2. How did they become the monsters they are?
3. How many men are lost in this episode?

Ch. 12: “The Cattle of the Sun” (pp. 96-105)

1. What keeps the men stuck on the Island of the Sun Titan?
2. Why do the men kill the cattle?
3. What does the Sun Titan threaten to do if Zeus does not punish the men for killing the cattle?
4. What happens to the ship?
5. How does Ulysses survive?

Ch. 13: “Calypso” (pp. 106-123)

1. Who is Calypso?
2. What does Calypso show Ulysses in the fire?
3. What does the crow tell Ulysses about Ithaca?
4. What does Calypso offer Ulysses if he stays?
5. What does Athena convince Zeus to do?

Ch. 14: “Ino’s Veil” (pp. 124-128)

1. Who is Ino?
2. How does she help Ulysses?
3. Where does Ulysses land?

Guided Reading for *The Adventures of Ulysses*: Question Set 4

Ch. 15: “Nausicaa” (pp. 129-146)

1. Who is Nausicaa?
2. What warning does Nausicaa’s father get from an oracle?
3. Why does Queen Arete tell her husband he must not harm Ulysses?
4. Why does Ulysses cry at the banquet?
5. How does Poseidon punish the Phaeacians for helping Ulysses?

Ch. 16: “The Return” (pp. 147-172)

1. Describe the suitors.
2. How does Athena save Telemachus’s life?
3. Who is Argo? What happens when he recognizes Ulysses?
4. What contest does Ulysses tell Penelope to use with the suitors?
5. How does Ulysses defeat the suitors?