

3. Any crewmen who ate the lotus, the honey-sweet fruit, lost all desire to send a message back, much less return, their only wish to linger there with the Lotus-eaters, grazing on lotus, all memory of the journey home dissolved forever. But I brought them back, back to the hollow ships, and streaming tears--I forced them...

Speaker:

Context: To whom is the speaker telling the story?

Significance (How is this story important to the themes we have discussed and to *The Odyssey* as a whole?):

4. "No, I am not a god,"
The long-enduring, great Odysseus returned.
"Why confuse me with the one who never dies?
No, I am your father--
the Odysseus you wept for all your days,
you bore a world of pain, the cruel abuse of men."

What is the context of this passage? What is happening; where are the people?

Who is the "you" in the passage?

What is the significance of the passage to the overall plot of the story?

5. "Odysseus..."

_____, catching his breath, found words to answer.

"You...home at last?"

Give me some sign, some proof--I must be sure."

"This scar first..."

Fill in the blank.

What is the context of this conversation? What has just happened? What will happen now?

Consider the scar. Where else has it been important? What does it show?

Finally, consider the symbolism of the scar. What's the significance of Homer's choosing a scar?

6. "Royal son of Laertes, Odysseus, master of exploits,
hold back now! Call a halt to the great leveler. War--
don't court the rage of Zeus who rules the world!"

Speaker:

Context:

Significance to the plot:

Significance to the characterization of Odysseus: