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## The Odyssey Study Guide

"I am Laertes' son...."

1. What tragedy strikes Odysseus at sea?
2. How is Odysseus received on the island of Scheria, home of King Alcinous?
3. Describe Ithaca (lines 130-140).
4. From his self-introduction, how do you think Odysseus views himself?
5. What line signals Odysseus' flashback to the past, where he begins telling the story of his adventures?
6. Summarize what happened at Odysseus first stop, Ismaros, land of the Cicones, on his journey home.

Close Reading Exercise: Make a list of ten ideas Odysseus expresses to the Phaeacians. Use this list to help you rewrite Odysseus' speech in modern language. Write your speech in the space provided below. Remember to stay in character!

<u>List of 10 Ideas</u>	
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**“The Lotus Eaters”**

1) What danger did Odysseus and his men encounter when they landed on the Lotus Eater's island (Lines 198-210)?

2) What did these people eat?

3) How did Odysseus solve the problem?