



# The Odyssey Summarizing the Books of *The Odyssey*

Use this chart as you read *The Odyssey*. Fill out the appropriate row after you read each book, completing the chart as follows:

**Column 1:** Write down the main idea of the book and the key details that contribute to that main idea.

**Column 2:** Write a one- or two-sentence summary of the book, drawing on the most important details that contribute to your understanding of the text.

**Column 3:** Write a sentence explaining how the book contributes to the overall story of *The Odyssey*. Ask yourself the following questions: What does this book reveal about the plot or the characters? How does this book build on events in previous books? What does this book imply about what will happen next?

Main Idea & Key Details	Summary	How the Book Contributes to the Story
<p><b>Book 1</b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p> <p>Main Idea: Athena gives Telemachus the strength to confront the suitors and leave Ithaca in search of Odysseus.</p> <p>Key Details:</p> <p>Athena disguises herself as Mentès; Athena predicts Odysseus will return home soon; Athena encourages Telemachus to address the suitors and tell them to go home; Telemachus announces plans to banish the suitors.</p>	<p>Disguised as Mentès, Athena urges Telemachus to leave Ithaca to find out news of his father and to kick the suitors out from the palace.</p>	<p>Book 1 introduces Telemachus as a loyal son and sets him off on a journey.</p>

### Key Details:

<p><b><u>Book 5</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		
<p><b><u>Book 6</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		
<p><b><u>Book 7</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		

<p><b><u>Book 8</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		
<p><b><u>Book 9</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		
<p><b><u>Book 10</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		

<p><b><u>Book 11</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>       		
<p><b><u>Book 12</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>       		
<p><b><u>Book 13</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>       		

### Key Details:



<p><b><u>Book 20</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		
<p><b><u>Book 21</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		
<p><b><u>Book 22</u></b></p> <p>Main Idea:</p>    <p>Key Details:</p>    		



