



# The Odyssey Athena's Divine Intervention

While Poseidon does his best to keep Odysseus from ever reaching home, Athena champions Odysseus and his family. She intervenes in different ways continuously throughout *The Odyssey*. Use the following graphic organizer to identify examples of ways that Athena intervenes in the story, whether her actions are helpful or harmful. When you have completed your chart, work with a partner or in small groups to discuss how the story might have had a different ending without Athena's help.

<b>Negotiates</b>	<b>Manipulates Others</b> <i>Disguises herself as Mentor and fights the suitors alongside Odysseus and Telemachus</i>
<b>Athena's Intervention</b>	
<b>Commands</b>	<b>Takes Direct Action</b>

RL.9-10.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

RL.9-10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.

SL.9-10.1 Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.