**THE ODYSSEY PART ONE CHOICE BOARD**

**Instructions:**

Please complete one of the activities listed below to further demonstrate your understanding of the first half of The Odyssey in a way that interests you. If you need computer paper, a teacher will supply that to you, however, if you need crayons, markers, colored pencils glue, etc., you must supply your own. Try your best to make something that you would be proud of if it were displayed in the hallway.

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| **POSTCARDS TO ITHACA**  Imagine that you are one of the crewmembers traveling with Odysseus on your way back to your home in Ithaca. You have just landed on one of the islands and you miss your family.  Create a postcard that you could mail to your loved ones back home. On the front of the postcard, draw a picture of something you might see or do at that location.  On the back of the postcard, write a brief letter to a friend or family member in Ithaca. Tell this person about the journey so far and how you feel about it. | **TRAVEL BROCHURES**  Choose one place that Odysseus visited during his journey home and create a travel brochure for that place as if it were an Ancient Greek vacation resort.  Include important details such as, weather, sites to see, possible tours, places of interest, dining, prices, and important things to know about this destination. | **THE ODYSSEY TIMELINE**  On a sheet of computer paper, create a timeline for each of the events that have happened in the Odyssey so far. Use the book if you need help recalling the events and the order in which they take place. Each event on your timeline should have a picture or photograph that goes along with it.  Remember, the first point on your timeline will mark the end of the Trojan War. The last point will mark Odysseus telling his story to King Alcinous**.** |
| **THE ODYSSEY RAP**  On a sheet of paper, create a rap or song that describes most of the major events in The Odyssey that we have read about and discussed so far. Write down your lyrics on a sheet of paper, so that you may receive credit.  Remember, the first point on your timeline will mark the end of the Trojan War. The last point will mark Odysseus telling his story to King Alcinous**.** | **THE ODYSSEY PART ONE CHOICE BOARD** | **ACT OUT THE ODYSSEY**  Choose one major event from The Odyssey such as when the men escaped from Polythemus or when Circe transforms half of Odysseus’ men into pigs.  Rewrite the event you chose from the Odyssey as a script with characters, stage directions, and dialogue.  Your script should be a minimum of three (3) pages long. |
| **THE GREEK GAZETTE**  Create a newspaper that an average ancient Greek citizen might have read. You will need to include popular sections just like a real newspaper: sports, world news, local news, entertainment, comics, advice column, etc. Make sure that the content of your newspaper reflects your broad knowledge of Greek Mythology and The Odyssey. Your project will be graded on the amount and accuracy of the knowledge you present, the creativity of your project, and, of course, the mechanics of good writing. Include your newspaper’s name, a date, a headline, articles, pictures (drawings?), etc. You must have a minimum of two (2) pages. | **GREEK GODS TRADING CARDS**  Choose at least four (4) of the Greek gods that you have heard of or read about in stories like The Odyssey. Examples include: Zeus, Athena, Hades, Poseidon, etc.  Research each of the gods or goddesses you choose and create trading cards for them. Each trading card should include: the name of the Greek god or goddess, a drawing or photograph of the god or goddess, what he or she rules over, his or her physical appearance, any important achievements, etc. You can make the actual card by folding and cutting computer paper. | **THE ODYSSEY GRAPHIC NOVEL**  Choose one major event from The Odyssey such as when the men escaped from Polythemus or when Circe transforms half of Odysseus’ men into pigs.  Create a graphic novel (like a comic book) that depicts the major event you chose from The Odyssey. Your graphic novel should be told through panels. You should draw pictures that illustrate what happens during the event that you chose. Each panel should also have some type of description or dialogue that accompanies it. |