

Books 1-4 Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question. Each question is worth 1 point. Total: 10 points.

1. When Athena first visits Ithaca in Book 1, whose identity does she assume when speaking with Telemachus?

- A. Mentor
- B. Mentos
- C. Nestor
- D. Menelaus

2. What is the main problem Telemachus faces in his household at the beginning of the poem?

- A. Trojan soldiers have occupied the palace.
- B. The suitors are consuming his household's resources while courting Penelope.
- C. Laertes has seized control of the estate.
- D. Penelope has ordered Telemachus to leave Ithaca.

3. What journey does Athena urge Telemachus to make in order to seek news of Odysseus?

- A. To Troy and Crete
- B. To Delphi and Athens
- C. To Pylos and Sparta
- D. To Argos and Thebes

4. At the Ithacan assembly in Book 2, who blames Penelope for delaying the suitors and describes her deception involving the burial shroud?

- A. Antinous
- B. Halitherses
- C. Mentor
- D. Phemius

5. What does Telemachus announce that he intends to do after confronting the suitors in the assembly?

- A. Challenge Antinous to single combat
- B. Send Penelope back to her father's house
- C. Leave Ithaca to seek information about Odysseus
- D. Surrender the palace to the suitors

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6. Whom does Telemachus visit in Pylos in Book 3 to ask about his father's fate and the return of the Achaeans from Troy?

- A. Agamemnon
- B. Nestor
- C. Menelaus
- D. Proteus

7. In Book 3, Athena accompanies Telemachus in the form and voice of which trusted companion of Odysseus?

- A. Mentor
- B. Eumaeus
- C. Peisistratus
- D. Halitherses

8. Who accompanies Telemachus from Pylos to Sparta?

- A. Antinous
- B. Laertes
- C. Peisistratus
- D. Phemius

9. What story does Helen tell in Sparta to illustrate Odysseus's courage and cunning during the Trojan War?

- A. He entered Troy disguised as a beggar.
- B. He defeated Achilles in a chariot race.
- C. He escaped Troy by swimming across the Hellespont.
- D. He captured Priam and released him for ransom.

10. What do the suitors plan near the end of Book 4 after learning that Telemachus has sailed away?

- A. They decide to abandon their courtship of Penelope.
- B. They prepare an ambush to kill Telemachus on his return.
- C. They sail to Sparta to bring Telemachus home.
- D. They ask Nestor to mediate their dispute.