

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

Use the words from the word banks to fill in the blanks. Use each word exactly once.

Book 10

Aeolia	Hades	storm
bag	herb	sword
blind	Ithaca	human
boulders	night	year
broke	Odysseus	ten
Circe	pigs	westerly
Cyclopes	roof	winds
dinner	row	
giants	silver	

The Achaeans sail from the land of the _____ to the home of Aeolus, ruler of the _____. Aeolus presents Odysseus with a _____ containing all of the winds, and he stirs up a _____ wind to guide Odysseus and his crew home. Within _____ days, they are in sight of _____, but Odysseus's shipmates, who think that Aeolus has secretly given Odysseus a fortune in gold and _____, tear the bag open. The winds escape and stir up a _____ that brings Odysseus and his men back to _____. This time, however, Aeolus refuses to help them, certain that the gods hate _____ and wish to do him harm.

Lacking wind, the Achaeans _____ to the land of the Laestrygonians, a race of powerful _____ whose king, Antiphates, and unnamed queen turn Odysseus's scouts into _____. Odysseus and his remaining men flee toward their ships, but the Laestrygonians pelt the ships with _____ and sink them as they sit in the harbor. Only Odysseus's ship escapes.

From there, Odysseus and his men travel to Aeaea, home of the beautiful witch-goddess _____. Circe drugs a band of Odysseus's men and turns them into _____. When Odysseus goes to rescue them, Hermes approaches him in the form of a young man. He tells Odysseus to eat an _____ called moly to protect himself from Circe's drug and then lunge at her when she tries to strike him with her _____. Odysseus follows Hermes' instructions, overpowering Circe and forcing her to change his men back to their _____ forms. Odysseus soon becomes Circe's lover, and he and his men live with her in luxury for a _____. When his men finally persuade him to continue the voyage homeward, Odysseus asks Circe for the way back to Ithaca. She replies he must sail to _____, the realm of the dead, to speak with the spirit of Tiresias, a _____ prophet who will tell him how to get home.

The next morning, Odysseus rouses his men for the imminent departure. He discovers, however, that the youngest man in his crew, Elpenor, had gotten drunk the previous _____, slept on the _____, and, when he heard the men shouting and marching in the morning, fell from the roof and _____ his neck. Odysseus explains to his men the course that they must take, which they are displeased to learn is rather meandering.

Book 12

beeswax	month	six
disobey	obstacles	slaughter
Elpenor	persuades	sleeps
experience	sailor	Sun
gobble up	second	tighter
home	ship	waves
island	Sirens	

Odysseus returns to Aeaea, where he buries _____ and spends one last night with Circe. She describes the _____ that he will face on his voyage _____ and tells him how to negotiate them. As he sets sail, Odysseus passes Circe's counsel on to his men. They approach the island of the lovely _____, and Odysseus, as instructed by Circe, plugs his men's ears with _____ and has them bind him to the mast of the _____. He alone hears their song flowing forth from the island, promising to reveal the future. The Sirens' song is so seductive that Odysseus begs to be released from his fetters, but his faithful men only bind him _____.

Once they have passed the Sirens' _____, Odysseus and his men must navigate the straits between Scylla and Charybdis. Scylla is a _____-headed monster who, when ships pass, swallows one _____ for each head. Charybdis is an enormous whirlpool that threatens to swallow the entire ship. As instructed by Circe, Odysseus holds his course tight against the cliffs of Scylla's lair. As he and his men stare at Charybdis on the other side of the strait, the heads of Scylla swoop down and _____ six of the sailors.

Odysseus next comes to Thrinacia, the island of the _____. He wants to avoid it entirely, but the outspoken Eurylochus _____ him to let his beleaguered crew rest there. A storm keeps them beached for a _____, and at first the crew is content to survive on its provisions in the ship. When these run out, however, Eurylochus persuades the other crew members to _____ Odysseus and _____ the cattle of the Sun. They do so one afternoon as Odysseus _____; when the Sun finds out, he asks Zeus to punish Odysseus and his men. Shortly after the Achaeans set sail from Thrinacia, Zeus kicks up another storm, which destroys the ship and sends the entire crew to its death beneath the _____. As had been predicted, only Odysseus survives, and he just barely. The storm sweeps him all the way back to Charybdis, which he narrowly escapes for the _____ time. Afloat on the broken timbers of his ship, he eventually reaches Ogygia, Calypso's island. Odysseus here breaks from his story, stating to the Phaeacians that he sees no reason to repeat to them his account of his _____ on Ogygia.