

Study Questions Book 10

1. Why does Aeolus rudely banish Odysseus from his island?
2. What calamity does Odysseus' fleet meet among the Laistrygones?
3. How does Odysseus learn of his crew's transformation by Circe?
4. How is he able to resist her magic?
5. Why does Odysseus refuse to partake of Circe's meal?
6. What is Eurylochus' reaction to Odysseus' news concerning his conquest of Circe?
7. How long does Odysseus remain on Aeaea?
8. What disturbing news does Circe break to Odysseus concerning his journey home?
9. What happens to Elpenor?
10. How do the men react to Odysseus' news concerning their journey?

Study Questions Book 12

1. What aid does Circe lend Odysseus before he departs from Aeaea?
2. How do Odysseus' men become immune to the Sirens' singing?
3. Why is Odysseus tied to the mast?
4. What choice must Odysseus make when passing through the perilous sea cliffs?
5. What decision does he make?
6. In what way does Odysseus ignore Circe's advice concerning Scylla?
7. Why does Odysseus stop on Thrinacia, despite the many warnings he has been given?
8. Where is he when his men devour the cattle of Helios?
9. In what way does Helios coerce Zeus to punish Odysseus' men?
10. Why does Odysseus end his story with his arrival on Calypso's isle?