Course Hero Logo Search Log in Join Literature Study GuidesThe OdysseyPlot Summary The Odyssey Homer Study Guide Videos Documents Q&As Plot Summary Plot Summary Course Hero's video study guide provides in-depth analysis of the plot, themes, symbols, and more in Homer's epic poem The Odyssey.Company About Us Careers Leadership Q&A Archive Educator Events Responsible AI Get Course Hero iOS Android Chrome Extension Tutors Study Tools AI Homework Help Flashcards Grammar Checker Paraphraser Proofreader Spell Checker Course Hero Quizzes Help Contact Us FAQ Feedback Legal Copyright Policy Academic Integrity Our Honor Code Privacy Policy Terms of Use Attributions Do Not Sell or Share My Personal Info Community Guidelines; Digital Services Act Connect with Us College Life Facebook Twitter LinkedIn YouTube Instagram SSL site seal Better Business Bureau accredited business Course Hero, a Learneo, Inc.They encountered cannibals and witches, Odysseus visited the Land of the Dead, they avoided the lure of the deadly songs of the Sirens, and they escaped from numerous monsters.They nearly lost themselves and their memories in the land of the Lotus-eaters and then incurred the wrath of Poseidon by blinding his son, the Cyclops Polyphemus.The still-disguised Odysseus volunteers to undertake the challenge, to the chagrin of the suitors, but Penelope allows him to try.The Odyssey Plot Diagram Falling Action Rising Action Resolution Climax 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Introduction Introduction 1 Telemachus leaves Ithaca to learn his father's fate.Plot Summary See Plot Diagram Summary The Odyssey picks up the story of Odysseus 10 years into his journey home from the Trojan War, which itself had lasted 10 years.The suitors take note of the newfound courage and authority that Telemachus displays, and they conspire to murder him when he returns to Ithaca.Back in his home city, Ithaca, his wife, Penelope, is being besieged by suitors, who have moved into her home, taking advantage of the ancient Greek custom of hospitality.Odysseus and his crew were given a pouch full of sailing winds by Aeolus, but curiosity got the best of his men and they accidentally released the winds, which blew them off course and far from home.When the suitors encounter Odysseus disguised as a beggar, they are cruel to him, taunting him and making him fight another beggar.On his visit to King Menelaus on the island of Sparta, Telemachus learns that Odysseus is alive.Odysseus lost his men one by one, and the rest were wiped out when they ate the cattle of Helios, which the blind prophet Tiresias had warned Odysseus about.Athena also helps Odysseus once again, forewarning him of the chaos at home in Ithaca and informing him that the worst is yet to come.She disguises Odysseus as a beggar and tells him to stop in at the farm of his old friend, the swineherd Eumaeus, before he goes to his house.Telemachus relates to Odysseus the behavior of the suitors, and they plot the mass murder of the suitors to restore honor to their home.A few characters begin to recognize Odysseus through his disguise--among them his childhood dog Argos and his childhood nurse Eurycleia.3 Calypso, on Zeus's orders, reluctantly lets Odysseus depart.7 Suitors taunt Odysseus, disguised as beggar.The story opens with Odysseus being held captive by the goddess Calypso on a remote island.Telemachus, son of Odysseus and Penelope, must watch the suitors take over their house, waiting for Penelope to choose a new husband.Athena, the goddess of war, has been watching over Odysseus since the Trojan War.At the same time, Athena goes to Ithaca to offer help to Penelope and Telemachus.Hermes helps free Odysseus, who sails to the land of the Phaeacians.Exhausted, he collapses on the shore, where the princess Nausicaa discovers him.He

washed ashore on the island of Ogygia, where Calypso held him captive for seven long years.She also orchestrates the reunion between Odysseus and Telemachus, whom she has advised to come home.But Odysseus is able to practice restraint and bide his time until his plan can be enacted.Penelope declares that she will hold a contest to choose her next husband−−whoever can master Odysseus's bow to shoot down a row of axes will win.Athena once again offers aid, and Telemachus and loyal servants join in as well.Finally, Odysseus and Penelope are reunited, but not without a final test on the part of Penelope to ensure Odysseus's identity.The gods finally intervene, with both Athena and Zeus commanding peace.Rising Action 2 Menelaus tells Telemachus that Odysseus is still alive.Climax 9 Odysseus passes Penelope's test; suitors killed.Resolution 12 Odysseus reconciles with Laertes.Character MapBook Summaries Buy on Amazon Copyright (C) 2024.As a reminder, you may only use Course Hero content for your own personal use and may not copy, distribute, or otherwise exploit it for any other purpose.All−−except Penelope−−assume Odysseus is dead after his 20−year absence.She feels protective toward him and asks Zeus to help her free Odysseus from Calypso's island.Course Hero, Inc.