



Group Essays *The Odyssey*

Advanced English I

Writing Task

- Using various personality traits that Odysseus displays, propose whether he is or is not a positive role model that can be used to teach people today how they should and should not act.
- Your thesis must take a position on whether he is a positive or a negative role model and include your supporting characteristics.
- Each member of the group must write one body paragraph about a characteristic Odysseus portrays. Two characteristics will support your thesis, one will address the counter-argument.

Example: Introduction

- Throughout history, people have looked to characters in literature for examples of ideal behavior. This was especially true for the ancient Greeks, who viewed epic poems not only as entertainment, but also as sources for inspiration in how to face challenges. Odysseus served as an example for the ancient Greeks of the values of intelligence, strength, and perseverance. Today, Odysseus can still be considered a positive role model as due to his characteristics as a dedicated father and a tactful leader.