

Name: _____ Class Period: _____

The ancient Greeks deeply valued the following: **home, family, loyalty, hospitality, respect, reverence, perseverance, industry (hard work), purpose, responsibility, and intelligence.** The *Odyssey* offers life lessons with every stop of Odysseus’s journey. Chart the life lessons learned below.

Place	Problem	Outcome	Life Lesson learned (see bold print at top of page)	How this relates to my own life
Land of the Lotus Eaters	Three of Odysseus’s men “fall in” with Lotus Eaters – shirking all responsibilities and sense of purpose .	Odysseus must forcibly take back his men. He lashes them to their boat benches and orders the crew to leave immediately.	Life without purpose or responsibility is wasted life. It is more respectable to apply yourself, be industrious , and do your best.	When were you a “Lotus Eater”? _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Land of Cyclops	Showing NO hospitality (xenia), the cyclops _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Using his keen wit, Odysseus _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Those who violate the tenets of hospitality (xenia) are _____ _____ (Also, it is important to use your intelligence to help figure out solutions to problems.)	When have you, or someone you know, violated xenia? _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
The Witch Circe	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Immune to her spells, Odysseus _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Even though a visited place may appear to be wonderful, (click, click...) there’s no place like home!	Have you visited somewhere that you enjoyed but were happy to return from? _____ _____ _____ _____

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The Land of the Dead	Following Circe's advice, Odysseus travels to _____ _____ where he learns _____ _____ _____	Teiresias informs Odysseus that ONLY if he _____ _____ will he be able to _____ _____	Show reverence and trust to one's religion. When given specific steps to follow – follow them!	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
The Sirens	The Sirens try to _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Odysseus _____ _____ his crew so that ____ _____ _____	Overwhelming temptation can lead to destruction... Recognize it and AVOID IT!	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Scylla and Charybdis	Odysseus must make the choice to _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Sometimes life forces us to _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Island of Helios	Starving, _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Because the men could not persevere _____ _____ _____	No matter how desperate _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____