**BEFORE YOU READ:**  
Review: Introduction (exposition) in Book 1, Conflicts from Book 5 (Calypso) and Book 9 (Lotus Eaters and the Cyclops)

1. What are four critical events that we have seen so far in the Odyssey? Briefly (2-3 words) explain what happened.   
   Hint: One event was mentioned in Book 1, one was mentioned in Book 5 and two were mentioned in Book 9. **(A list is fine.)**
2. Based on what we have read so far, is Odysseus someone you would want leading your “squad” in a dangerous or high stakes situation? Why or why not?

**DURING READING:**   
Now, read Book 10: The Grace of the Witch on pages 916-925 and answer the following questions **AND CITE:**1. **What** is the gift Aeolus gives to Odysseus? **How** is it ruined? **How** could Odysseus have prevented this?

2. In lines 1-11, what seems strange about Circe’s animals? Use **exact quotes** from the text in your answer.

3. In line 25, all the men but Eurylochus go to see Circe. Why did Eurylochus stay behind? Who would you have followed? Why? *Hint: check the* ***Words to Know*** *box at the bottom of this page.*

1. What conflict arises shortly after Eurylochus refuses to go see Circe? What happens to their bodies? Their minds?
2. How is Odysseus able to withstand Circe’s magic?
3. What does Odysseus make Circe promise? How does he know he can trust her?

1. Reread lines 140-146. Do you think Eurylochus is right in his harsh criticism of Odysseus? Why or why not?

Odysseus, the Hero…Or Not.

Below is a chart listing some events from Book 10. Look at the events and think about how Odysseus responds to them. You might need to reread some parts of Book 10 for this. Then, think critically about whether or not Odysseus’ responses to the event meet our expectations. Write YES, NO, or HARD TO TELL in the corresponding box.

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| Event | Clever? | Courageous? | Strong? | Determined? | Charismatic? | Selfless? | Heroic Overall? |
| Odysseus sends Eurylochus’ crew to explore island (916). | No. | No. | No. | No. | Hard to tell. | No. | No. |
| Ody rushes to save his men from Circe after Eurylochus’ asks him to leave the island (920). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ody agrees to “hook up” with Circe (line 75, 921). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ody thinks about his captive men while Circe’s maidens pamper him (921). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ody tells the reader his men’s reaction to seeing him again (lines 122-130, 922-923). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ody reacts to Eurylochus (lines 140-150, 923-924). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ody talks to Circe (lines 195-198, 924). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ody and his men stay on Circe’s island for a year until… (lines 177-186, 924-925). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Ok, nice work. Now I want you to ARGUE your opinion on Odysseus in ONE PARAGRAPH. Do you or don’t you think Odysseus is a hero? Choose one expectation he does or does not meet to help argue your point. Then, discuss the event that proves he does or does not meet that expectation and explain you reasoning for why it does or does not. **Here, I’ll help you start your paragraph. Circle what applies to your argument:**  
 Odysseus (is / is not) a hero. Heroes are expected to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and within Book Ten of *The Odyssey*, Odysseus shows that he (is / is not).