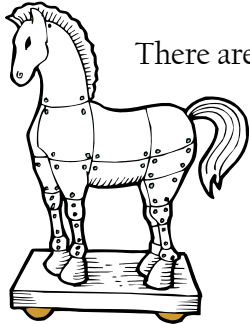


Name:
Date:

Period:
Ms. Lopez

The Odyssey Epic Hero Essay

The epic hero, the central character of an epic, is a complex figure. He possesses qualities superior to those of most men, yet he remains recognizably human. Write a well-developed essay of at least four paragraphs evaluating Odysseus as a classic epic hero. Make two generalizations about Odysseus' strengths and two about his weaknesses and support each using specific reasons, examples, and quotations from the epic to support your assertions. In the final paragraph, discuss whether you admire and like Odysseus or not. *Be certain not to use 1st or 2nd person pronouns in this essay; the tone must remain objective.*



There are three main questions to consider:

- ◆ In what ways does Odysseus stand out from normal men?
- ◆ At what points in the epic does he seem more like an ordinary man with weaknesses and limitations?
- ◆ Do you like and admire Odysseus? Tell why you do or do not.