

## Bookfolio for **The Odyssey of Homer**

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**Recommended for:** [Grades 5-8](#)

**Classification:** Fiction

**Genre:** [Mythology](#)

**Story Summary:** After the ten-year Trojan War, the brave Greek warriors set sail for home. Odysseus, King of Ithaca, and his men incur the wrath of the sea god, Poseidon, when they injure his son, the Cyclops, a terrible one-eyed monster. Courageous and wily, Odysseus overcomes many obstacles before at last returning to his homeland ten years later. Meanwhile, in Ithaca, when Odysseus had not returned after the war, a number of men declared themselves suitors to the fair Penelope. Odysseus's son, Telemachus, tries in vain to control the men who feast and loiter in his father's house. With the help of the goddess Athene, Odysseus, Telemachus and their faithful servants slay the wicked suitors. Reunited with his beloved family and reinstated as king, Odysseus lives out his days in peace and prosperity.

**Read-aloud Recommendation:** Chapter 1, "Polyphemus the Cyclops," pages 3-18.

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:  
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

The Odyssey of Homer - Independent Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">A Preview</a> (Retelling a story event)	D , R , S
2. <a href="#">Homer</a> (Researching a topic)	R , W
3. <a href="#">Another Challenge</a> (Writing another chapter)	D , S , W
4. <a href="#">The Land of Hades</a> (Retelling another myth)	R , S
5. <a href="#">From the Eye of the Cyclops</a> (Retelling a story from another point of view)	W
6. <a href="#">Where It All Happened</a> (Drawing a map)	D , R , W
The Odyssey of Homer - Group Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">The Oral Tradition</a> (Composing a poem)	R , S , W
2. <a href="#">THE ILLIAD OF HOMER</a> (Giving a book talk)	R , S
3. <a href="#">Father and Son</a> (Dramatizing a story event)	S
4. <a href="#">Odyssey -- The Game</a> (Making a board game)	D , W
5. <a href="#">More About the Monsters</a> (Giving an oral report)	R , S
6. <a href="#">Let's Talk About...</a> (Discussing the story)	L , S

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