The Odyssey
Books 1-2

Directions: Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. Why can’t Odysseus return home?__________________________________________
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2. Why does Athena want to help Odysseus?__________________________________
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3. Who are the suitors? What are they doing in Odysseus’ house?_______________
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4. In what way have the suitors affected Odysseus’ home? Explain your answer. ______
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5. Who is Telemachus? Describe him._________________________________________
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6. What causes Telemachus to gain confidence to stand up to the suitors?__________
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7. How did Penelope fool the suitors with her weaving?_________________________
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8. What is Halitherses’ interpretation the two fighting eagles?__________________
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9. How does Athena assist Telemachus?_______________________________________
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10. What does Telemachus plan to do?________________________________________
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