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The Odyssey
Books 1-2

Directions: Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. Why can't Odysseus return home? _____

2. Why does Athena want to help Odysseus? _____

3. Who are the suitors? What are they doing in Odysseus' house? _____

4. In what way have the suitors affected Odysseus' home? Explain your answer. _____

5. Who is Telemachus? Describe him. _____

6. What causes Telemachus to gain confidence to stand up to the suitors? _____

7. How did Penelope fool the suitors with her weaving? _____

8. What is Halitherses' interpretation the two fighting eagles? _____

9. How does Athena assist Telemachus? _____

10. What does Telemachus plan to do? _____
