

ENGLISH

Tuesday 30th June

LI: To make inferences

In this lesson, we will be making inferences from Chapter 3 of 'The Odyssey', retold by Louie Stowell. You will need a piece of paper and a pencil.

Word of the Day: *triumph*

In the text

'In my **triumph**, I couldn't resist turning back and yelling, "I tricked you!..." (p23)

Antonyms

Defeat, failure.

Synonyms

Victory, win, conquest, success, achievement.

In another sentence

She has had many **triumphs** in her career.

Chapter 3

A cunning plan



I gathered a few of my men in a huddle and pointed out a branch in the corner of the cave. "Sharpen that," I told them.

Then, I turned to the Cyclops, who was eyeing up my men, deciding which poor soul to eat next.

"We hardly have any food or water, but we do have some very fine wine with us," I called. "Would you like some?"

The Cyclops beamed. "Yes! Give it to me!" He grabbed the bottle and took a swig. "What's your name, stranger?"

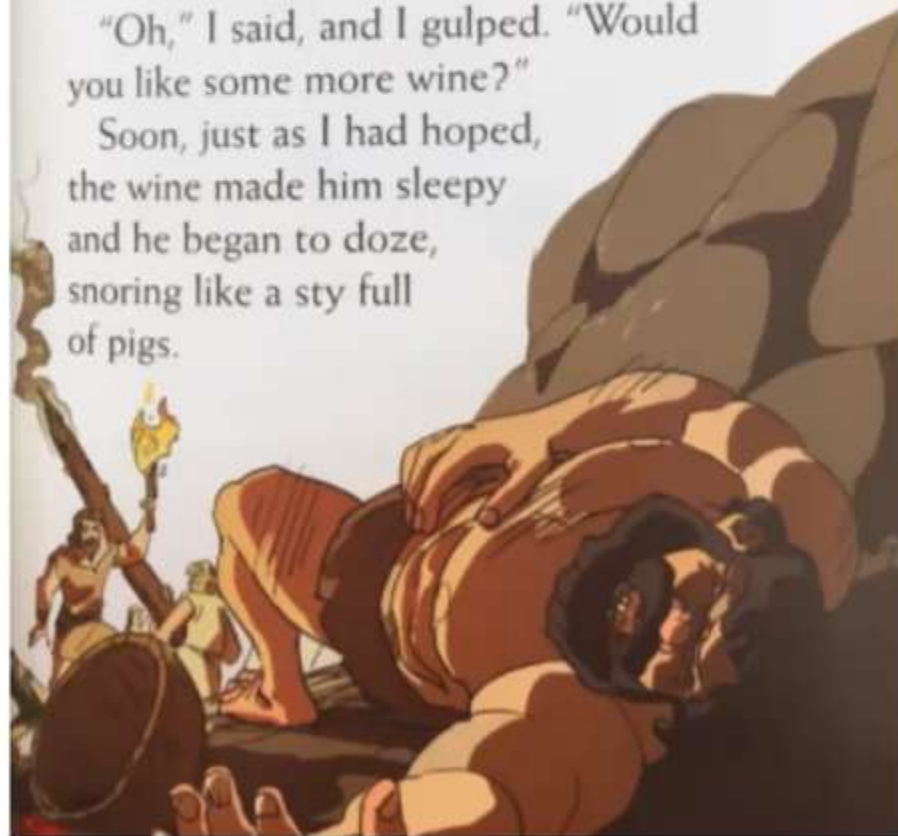
"My name is Nobody," I said. (This was part of my plan.)

"Well, Nobody," said the Cyclops. "I shall do something nice for you, since you did this for me..."

I was about to thank him, when he went on: "Yes. I'll eat you last! Ha, ha, ha, ha!"

"Oh," I said, and I gulped. "Would you like some more wine?"

Soon, just as I had hoped, the wine made him sleepy and he began to doze, snoring like a sty full of pigs.



I gestured to my men to heat the sharpened branch in the fire. When its sharp end was white-hot, we hefted it onto our shoulders and jammed it into the Cyclops' closed eye with a sizzle.



He woke with a jolt and screamed out: "Nobody's hurting me! Help!"

Another giant who lived next door heard him and laughed. "If *nobody's* hurting you, then stop crying, you great big baby!"

Furious and whimpering in pain, the blinded Cyclops lay back down and eventually fell asleep.

The next morning, he rolled the stone away from the cave mouth to let his sheep out to graze.

At my order, each man strapped himself quickly and quietly beneath one of the Cyclops' huge sheep. As each animal wandered out into the fields to graze, one of my men escaped into the free, fresh air.



Once outside, we let the sheep go and ran to the ship. In my triumph, I couldn't resist turning back and yelling, "I tricked you! I'm not Nobody! I'm Odysseus!"

The Cyclops howled and began to throw rocks at us – luckily, his aim was terrible. “Father! Poseidon! God of the Seas!” he cried out. “Odysseus has blinded me. Punish him! Make him suffer as I suffer!”

“Oh dear,” I said to Eurylochus, as we sailed away. “Do you think telling him my real name might have been a mistake?”



- 1) *“I shall do something nice for you, since you did this for me...”* (Page 21)

Do you think Cyclops is ‘nice’? Explain your answer using evidence from **page 21**.

Write



2) Why didn't the giant, who lived next door, come to help Polyphemus? **(Page 22)**

Write



3) *"I tricked you! I'm not Nobody! I'm Odysseus!"*
(Page 23)

This statement shows the reader that Odysseus is...
Choose **one**.

Option 1

funny.

Option 2



clever.

Option 3

boastful.

Option 4

loud.

	Explain and write down Odysseus' clever plan in your own words...
	Write down 5 more questions that you could ask based on Chapter 2 or 3.