

ENGLISH

Monday 22nd June

LI: To retrieve information

In this lesson, we will be starting a new text called 'The Odyssey' - Retold by Louie Stowell. Today, we will be retrieving information from Chapter One. You will need a piece of paper and a pencil.

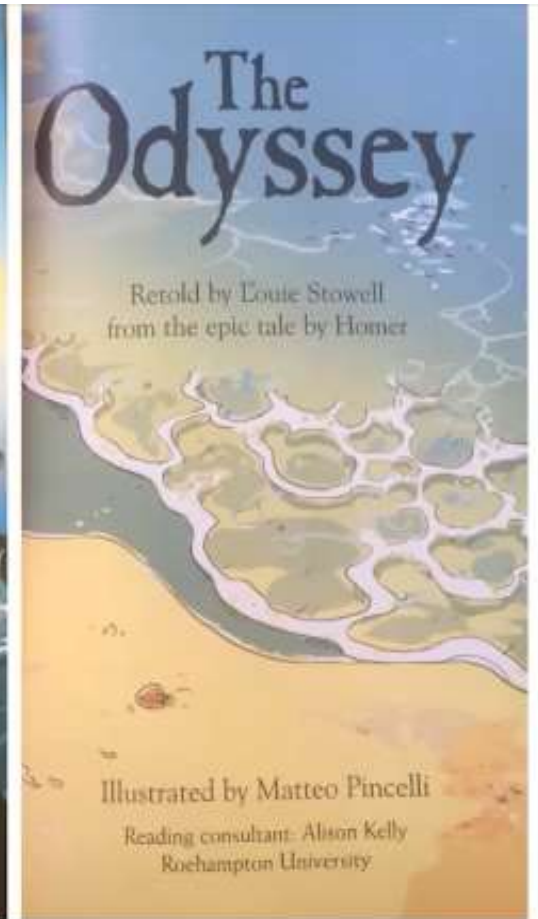
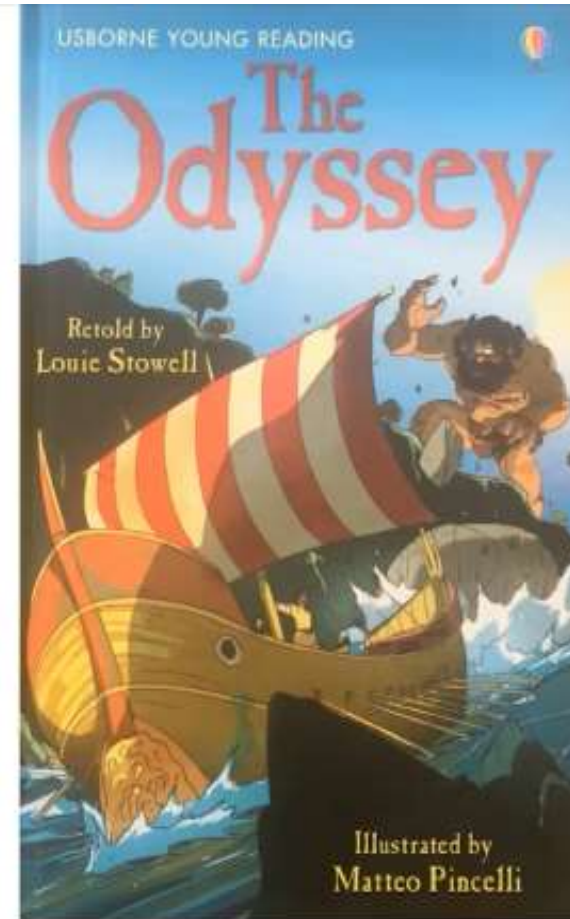
The title of this book is 'The Odyssey - Retold by Louie Stowell'.

The Odyssey is retold by Louie Stowell from the epic tale by Homer.

The book is illustrated by Matteo Pincelli.

The reading consultant is Alison Kelly.

I am reading the book aloud with permission from Usborne.



The Odyssey Retold by Louie Stowell, Usborne Young Reading. Illustrated by Matteo Pincelli.





Chapter 1

Calypso's prisoner

On the island of Ogygia – home of the sea nymph Calypso – a big strong man was sitting on the beach and sobbing his heart out. His name was Odysseus, and he was a very long way from home.



Far above him, the mighty gods of Mount Olympus were watching. Athena, Goddess of Wisdom, turned to her father, Zeus. He was king of all the gods; if anyone could help Odysseus, he could. She pointed to the tiny, ant-like human below. "Look, Father. Poor Odysseus has been stranded there for years. Will you help him to escape from Calypso's island and get home to his family?"

Zeus scowled. "Why should I help him?" he asked. "He's just a human."
"He's not just any human, Father," said Athena. "He's a hero! A clever hero, not like a lot of the blockheads out there."

"Hmm," said Zeus. "That may be true. But what about Poseidon, God of the Seas? He hates Odysseus and he'll be furious if I help him. Besides, your hero will have to escape Calypso's island by sea, so making Poseidon angry is not a good idea."

"But you're King of the Gods," Athena said, arching an eyebrow. "Your word is law. All other gods must bow to you."

Zeus grunted, obviously pleased. "That is true." He called to a young, handsome god nearby, "Hermes! Go and tell that pesky Calypso to let Odysseus go!"

Hermes saluted, scrambled into his golden winged sandals and pushed off into the empty air.

Down... down... down...



When Hermes landed on Ogygia, he found himself in a beautiful forest, surrounded by lush vegetation and the delicious smell of herbs. Somewhere close by, a scented fire was burning. And then, he saw her... Calypso.



1) Whose home was the island of Ogygia? **(Page 4)**

Tick **one**.

Option 1

The Sea Nymph Calypso.

Option 2

Odysseus.

Option 3

Zeus.

Option 4

Athena.

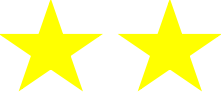

2) Why did Athena tell her father Zeus to help Odysseus? **(Page 6)**

Write

3) Read **Page 8**. Write down two things about Ogygia that make it sound like a lovely island.

Write

1. _____
2. _____

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|  | Write 5 sentences about the story so far... |
|  | Find as many adjectives as you can that give you information about the characters or the setting... |