

Outline of Odysseus' Adventures

Ithaca

[HELEN?]

Ciconians:

- Doublet with Troy
 - "Real World"
 - Companions disobey Odysseus
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Ia. Lotus Eaters

- Oriental motif
- Temptation to forget home
- Odysseus forces companions to leave

IIa. Polyphemos

- Odysseus chooses path; finds Monster in cave
- 6 men devoured
- Odysseus contemplates sword but must outwit Cyclops

IIIa. Aiolos

- Isle of Wind God
- Odysseus sleeps
- Companions disobey Odysseus

IVa. Laestrygonians

- Cannibalistic giants = doublet of Cyclopes
 - Odysseus and his ship alone survive; others lost
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Ib. Sirens

- Oriental motif
- Temptation to forget home
- Odysseus' companions remove him from danger

IIb. Scylla (and Charybdis)

- Odysseus chooses path; finds Monster in a cave
- 6 men devoured
- Odysseus attempts to use sword; but impotent to save men

IIIb. Helios

- Isle of Sun God
- Odysseus Sleeps
- Companions disobey Odysseus

IVb. Charybdis (and Scylla)

- Odysseus alone escapes the storm; others lost
- Odysseus, at mercy of sea, retraces route to Charybdis

CALYPSO

Phaeacia

[NAUSICAA/ARETE]

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Ia. Elpenor
Ib. Tiresias
Ic. Anticleia
Id. Catalogue of Women
<i>INTERLUDE</i>
IIa. Agamemnon
IIb. Achilles
IIc. Ajax
IId. Catalogue of Men

