**Odyssey Essay Assignment**

**Directions:** Choose one of the following prompts to write a four paragraph essay over. You should have an introduction, two body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Each body paragraph must have one piece of evidence (quotation from the text), so you will have at least two pieces of evidence total, one for each boy paragraph.

Citation Example: “While he had arrows he aimed and shot, and every shot brought down one of his huddling enemies” (Homer lines 1523-1524).

**Prompt Choices:**

* On at least three occasions in the Odyssey, good advice is offered and not taken, and disaster and suffering result. Discuss two such examples.
* The Odyssey contains some very graphic violence, some of which is done in anger and some of which is not. Select two examples of each, and explain the purpose of each violent scene.
* In Part 2 of the Odyssey, Penelope shows that she is a strong woman, and therefore a good match for Odysseus, because she is clever. Discuss two times when Penelope was clever.

**Rubric**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5) Essay has an introduction, two body paragraphs, and a conclusion

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5) Essay has two quotations as evidence – one in each body paragraph.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5) Citations are in MLA format, essay is legible, spelling, grammar, etc.