*BOOKS SIX, SEVEN, and EIGHT:* Odysseus is discovered by Nausicaa, who takes him to the palace of her father. There, after wining and dining and fun, Demodocus sings a song of Odysseus. This causes Odysseus to weep, and he tells his story.

Some of these terms and places show up in the questions too.

Alcinous

Aphrodite

Ares

Arete

Athena

Broadsea

Demodocus

Hephaestus

Nausacaa

Ogygia

Scheria

Book 6: a major aspect of this book is to demonstrate the moral difference between sleeping against one’s will with the nymph Calypso vs. the modesty and decorum shown towards mortal Nausicaa and her maids.

1. Explain the above phenomenon—in other words, find some examples of Odysseus’ modesty towards Nausacaa. —lines 233-247should help
2. What does Odysseus say a good marriage looks like? Lines 190-203 should help.
3. Why doesn’t Nausacaa wish for Odysseus to follow her home through the city?
4. What are the Phaecians as a people noted for?

Book 7: here we have a splendid description of the wealth of the near god Phaecians.

1. How does Athena get him to the palace? She does two distinctly different things.
2. Athena explains how he should treat Queen Arete in lines 57-61. What does she say to do? Do we still think that way now? Explain. 😊
3. What does Alcinous offer in lines 355 (ish)? Is this absolutely crazy? Why or why not?
4. Alcinous tells us in line 355 about balance. What does that mean? Do we agree? Is that part of what makes a person function well?

Book 8: Games and song

1. Line 77—explain the quote: “…her gifts were mixed with good and evil”
2. How does Broadsea upset Odysseus?
3. What sport does Odysseus compete in?
4. Do we like Odysseus’ bravado?
5. What does Alcinous do to calm Odysseus down?
6. The bard sings a funny (hmmmmm???) story about Ares, Aphrodite and Hephaestus. Paraphrase the story—be brief 😊
7. What does Broadsea give to Odysseus as a gift to apologize for his rashness?
8. Odysseus offers a salute to Broadsea on line 459-463. What is the overall meaning of this?

characters— Nausicaa

Alcinous

Demodocus