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## Paraphrasing ~~THE~~ ODYSSEY

Book 1: A GODDESS INTERVENES

Paraphrase (put into your own words) each stanza in Book 1. Use complete sentences.

Narrator wants the Muse to sing and tell the story of the wanderer.  
Narrator wants the Muse to sing of the story of a man who traveled for years after he won the Trojan war.  
Narrator needs help making his song.

Odysseus fought to save his own life and his shipmates' lives.  
Odysseus tried to save his men but they were selfish and killed themselves by eating the cattle of Helios.  
People who ate Helios' cows and Helios punished them. Indirectly killed them by starting the punishment.

Odysseus wanted to pass along the song.

Sum up what occurs in Book 1 in one or two sentences:

Odysseus started his journey.  
Odysseus wanted a Muse to sing of his adventures.  
The story of Odysseus.

Book 9: *NEW COASTS AND POSEIDON'S SON – "I AM LAERTES' SON"*

Summarize in complete sentences what Odysseus says in lines 1-28 (pgs. 372-373)

Odysseus is explaining to the King how he got there and what happened over the last ten years.

Odysseus was detained by two goddesses: Calypso and Circe for a total of 10 years.

*NEW COASTS AND POSEIDON'S SON – THE CYCLOPS* (beginning on pg. 374)

Paraphrase each page (374-385). Use complete sentences.

pg. 374

Odysseus goes onto the island to see if they can get food and to see if the Cyclopes are good or bad.

Cyclopes are disorderly and well-fed and their land looks like a paradise to the hungry men.

Odysseus and his men found an island of Cyclopes. Odysseus decides to go to their homes to see if he can trade or not.

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Odysseus took 12 men with him to trade with the Cyclopes and get sidetracked by talking about wine and liquor.

Odysseus finds where the Cyclopes live; takes 12 of his fighters and takes liquor, then specifies the importance of this wine.

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Odysseus and his men find the Cyclopes' cave and see that there is food, so they steal it.

Odysseus and his friends got themselves trapped in the Cyclopes' cave.

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Odysseus was found by the Cyclopes who questions Odysseus' presence and who his men were. Odysseus asked for a gift but the Cyclopes didn't care. Odysseus lies about his ship crashing.

pg. 378

The Cyclopes eats four of Odysseus' men, and the rest of them are trapped in the cave. They're asking for help from Zeus and Athena to escape.

pg. 379

Odysseus conceives a plan to drive a spike through the Cyclopes' eye and offers liquor to the Cyclopes. He likes it and asks for more.

Odysseus hid the spike with four other men in a dung pile. He offers the Cyclopes liquor which makes the Cyclopes more reasonable.

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Odysseus and his men stab the wooden spike into the Cyclopes' eye, and the Cyclopes calls the others looking for help.

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The men are looking to get past the monster and they tie themselves under sheep and will hopefully get out. The Cyclopes came to Polyphemus' aid, but were tricked by "Nohbdy". The men tried to escape.

pg. 382

The men escape and steal the sheep. Once they're on the boat, Odysseus shouts back at the Cyclopes. The trick worked; they stole the sheep.

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Odysseus had to get the last word.

Odysseus shouts at the Cyclopes who throws the top of the hill at them, pushing them to shore. They had to row out again.

pg. 384

Polyphemus prays to his father Poseidon to rid Odysseus of his home.

Cyclops prays to Poseidon to curse Odysseus.

Cyclops tries to make a truce with Odysseus but Odysseus didn't believe him.

Summarize in two or three sentences what occurred when Odysseus and his men came across the Cyclops: Odysseus and his men go to an island and see a bunch of food. They start stealing it, and the monster comes and traps them. They have to outsmart it and try and get away with extra food, and they do.

Odysseus went to the Cyclops home, got trapped, got out, and messed up by taunting him.

Odysseus went to an island with his men. The Cyclops ate 6 men, was tricked by Odysseus, losing his only eye, so he prayed to Zeus to never let Odysseus return home.

Odysseus' men were pulled in by a hurricane to the land of the Cyclopes. Odysseus gets trapped in Polyphemus' cave and stabbed him in the eye. The end up escape.