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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.

Homer wants the Muse to tell the story of Odysseus.
It talked about Odysseus acted after he defeated the Trojans.

Tells about what challenges and adventures Odysseus took, and the men he met on his journey.
Odysseus went through many obstacles.
Homer is giving the Muse details about the tale so she could get the idea of how to help Homer tell the story.

Homer asked the Muse to sing the great tale of Odysseus.
The Muse should keep telling the story to inspire people because she's creative.

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

The story of Odysseus and how he struggles, how his companions struggle and how they helped each other.
He told the Muse in detail of Odysseus' adventures.

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)

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

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

pg. 374

The first page tells the landscape of where the Cyclopes live and the resources that are there. It also tells that Odysseus went to the island with a handful of his men.

The Cyclops were giants that had no rules and didn't have to grow anything. The land of the Cyclopes had sheep, water, and tall trunks of pine and towering oak trees.

pg. 375

Odysseus is a man who loves his liquor.

Odysseus talks about the giant taking his sheep out to dine on the fields.

pg. 376

This page tells what's in the cave and what happens when the Cyclopes comes back.

pg. 377

The Cyclopes came home and found Odysseus and his men in his house. He asks them how they got there and they lie.

Tells what Odysseus wanted from the Cyclopes and the Cyclopes reacted. The Cyclopes doesn't believe in the gods and he wasn't going to let them leave.

pg. 378

The men are left in the cave and they try to make a plan to get out by using a six-foot long spear.

pg. 379

The men gave the Cyclops four bowls of wine and he got tipsy.
Odysseus gave the Cyclops wine to help him get home.

pg. 380

Odysseus told the Cyclops his name was "Nohbdy" to trick the beast.

pg. 381

Odysseus and his men hid under the sheep.
The Cyclops came by, Polyphemus told them "Nohbdy" stabbed him, so they went away.

pg. 382

Odysseus and his men ran from the cave.
He took the sheep along with his men onto the boat.

pg. 383

Odysseus gets cocky and yells at the Cyclops who gets mad and throws a boulder at their ship.

pg. 384

Odysseus banter at the Cyclops again and the Cyclops asks Poseidon to curse Odysseus.
About what the Cyclops wants to happen to Odysseus.
Cyclops asks Odysseus to be his friend, but he says "no".

Summarize in two or three sentences what occurred when Odysseus and his men came across the Cyclops:
Odysseus wanders upon an island of the Cyclops. They poke its eye out and taunt him as they leave. Because of this Odysseus was cursed by Poseidon.
The story is about how Odysseus comes upon a Cyclops. His men and him have to escape; they try and take his food. He thanks the gods who disagree with him, and because of that his men die.

The men come across the island of the Cyclops. Odysseus enters its cave with wine. When the Cyclops comes back, it eats many of his men. They offer it wine and stab him in the eye, and then escape with his sheep.