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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's asking for the Muse's help to make a song about Odysseus and his adventures.
Homer calls and asks for help from the Muse to tell his story.
Sing to me the story of Odysseus that he was tormented for many years after he finished his journey.

Homer is describing Odysseus and what he went through during the story.
Homer describes Odysseus' journey to save his shipmates and get home.

Homer is asking Muse to tell the story of Odysseus.

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

Homer calls upon Muse to help describe and tell 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)

He introduces himself to the King and tells him about his home and intent to return.

He brags to the King about women.

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

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

pg. 374

Odysseus' men arrive at a small island near the huge land of the Cyclopes. They decide to take one ship to the mainland and see if the Cyclopes are friends.

Odysseus sets out to learn about the Cyclopes.

Odysseus and his men found the land of the Cyclopes with lots of crops, livestock, and no laws. He decides to take one of his ships to explore the land.

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Odysseus describes the Cyclopes and talks about wine.

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Odysseus went to the Cyclopes home; it gets back home, tends to its sheep, and then sees the men.

The Cyclopes has food and other supplies that they could take. Odysseus refuses. When the Cyclopes comes back, they get trapped in his house.

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The giant Cyclopes finds them in the cave and then asks Odysseus many questions. Odysseus lies and just wants gifts.

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The Cyclopes eats some of Odysseus' men, then leaves them trapped. Meanwhile, Odysseus creates a spear to use as part of his plan.

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Odysseus gives the Cyclopes a gift of wine and he's plotting his escape.
Odysseus hides behind a rock waiting for the Cyclopes, and when it returns, he offers it wine in return for a gift.

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Odysseus stabs the Cyclops with a sharp and hot spear in the eye. The Cyclops runs outside, screaming.

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The men hide under the sheep to escape past the blind Cyclops.
The Odysseus tricked the Cyclops.

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Odysseus and his men escape using the sheep. The Cyclops talks to the leader sheep. Odysseus takes the sheep and his men back to their boat.
The men escape and leave with the Cyclops' sheep, just far enough so that the Cyclops can hear them.

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Odysseus yells back to the Cyclops, who throws a boulder behind the ship, sending them toward the shore.
Odysseus teases the Cyclops. He throws a hilltop near them that reaches the ship.

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They trash talk.
The Cyclops tries to trick Odysseus to come back.
Odysseus gives the Cyclops a lot of info, which he uses to pray to Poseidon and make the men pay.

Summarize in two or three sentences what occurred when Odysseus and his men came across the Cyclops:

Odysseus finds the Cyclops island and brings his 12 best men to explore it. They enter one of the houses where they lose 6 men. They escape, but Poseidon curses them so they never get back home.

Odysseus and his men invaded the Cyclops' house and took out his eye. They were cursed by Poseidon.

Odysseus went to the island and made the Cyclops mad. He stole all of his sheep.