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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 is talking to the daughter of Zeus about a story of someone who is being tormented.
Homer is asking the daughter of Zeus to help him tell the story of Odysseus.
Homer is telling the story of Odysseus wandering around until he finds the city of Troy.

Odysseus is on a trip with his crew and they are trying to survive.
Telling about what Odysseus saw and learned and how, when they were at sea, he was trying to save his shipmates from what they did to deserve to die.

Homer is starting the story.
Muse, the daughter of Zeus, is starting to tell the adventures of Odysseus through song - and through Homer.

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

Odysseus is getting ready to go on an adventurous journey that Homer and Muse are going to tell.

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 wants the women/goddesses to be pursuing him regardless of his wife. Ithaca, his homeland, is mountainous. Odysseus' dad is Laertes.

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

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

pg. 374

The Cyclopes land is full of giant things and healthy plants.

The land of the Cyclopes is fertile but untended.

Odysseus just got to where the Cyclopes are and sees how they're living.

pg. 375

Odysseus is trying to impress the Cyclopes.

Odysseus is rambling on about what he got from someone.

pg. 376

Odysseus and his men got stuck in the cave of the Cyclopes.

When the men tried to steal, Odysseus said no, and the men got trapped.

pg. 377

The Cyclopes wants to know who Odysseus and his men are and Odysseus tells him sort of the truth but not all of it and wants a gift. The Cyclopes doesn't care, says no, and traps them.

Odysseus tells the how they got the island and the Cyclopes gets mad because he doesn't like the gods.

pg. 378

Cyclops eats two men for dinner, two more for breakfast. Odysseus is trying to think of ways to get out.

pg. 379

The men are trying to throw something in the Cyclops' eye.

The Cyclops drank 4 bowls of wine.

pg. 380

The Cyclops gets stabbed in the eye and then runs to get other Cyclopes. Odysseus lies about his name, saying he is "Nohbdy".

pg. 381

Odysseus is stuck in a bad situation with the Cyclops. He's stuck in a cave. The other Cyclopes didn't find anything wrong because "Nohbdy" hurt him. Polyphemus is trying to find them with his hands.

pg. 382

The men get out and to the boat with the Cyclops' sheep.

pg. 383

Odysseus yells at the Cyclops who throws a rock, pushing the boat closer to shore again.

pg. 384

Odysseus tells all his info and now the Cyclops wants to give him another chance. Odysseus says no, so the Cyclops asks his dad to make his life miserable. The Cyclops says "let's be friends" but Odysseus becomes meaner. The Cyclops prays to his father to kill his men and he succeeds.

Summarize in two or three sentences what occurred when Odysseus and his men came across the Cyclops: Odysseus and his men stumble across the land of the Cyclopes where they are trapped inside one of the Cyclops' home. He eats them 2 by 2 until Odysseus thinks of a way to get the rest out. The Cyclops prays to Poseidon to hurt Odysseus.

Odysseus causes trouble with the Cyclops. Then he escapes.