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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.

Tell me the story of that skilled man who wandered for a long time since the war with Troy.
Homer was asking the Muse to tell about Odysseus' journey.

Odysseus was a hero and he fought hard and he was loyal. He couldn't save his shipmates because they were too reckless.
He fought for many years to protect himself and his crew but his crew is too dumb.

Zeus' daughter sang the story of Odysseus.

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

Homer asked Zeus' daughter to sing a story about Odysseus who went on a long journey back home.

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

Odysseus and his men watched the Cyclopes.
Odysseus took one ship full of men to the island.
Odysseus took himself and his men on a ship through the fog to the island.

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He brought lots of wine to get the Cyclopes drunk/intoxicated.

pg. 376

The men hide from the Cyclopes.
The men go into the Cyclopes cave, but he wasn't there. They planned to put the baby sheep on the boat, but didn't. They sat waiting for him to get back.
They all ran for the cheese.

pg. 377

Odysseus went to the island and asked the Cyclopes for gifts.
Odysseus is bickering with the Cyclopes.
Odysseus tries taking the Cyclopes food, but his curiosity made him stay, and now he has to talk his way out of it.

pg. 378

Odysseus is trying to figure out a way to escape alive.
Cyclopes ate four men and Odysseus made a spear.
The men have to figure out how to escape.

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The men make a spear and put it in a pile of poop. There are 6 men other than Odysseus. They give the Cyclopes four bowls of wine.

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They took the spear out of the dung and stabbed the Cyclops in the eye. He called for other Cyclopes. The Cyclops gets blinded by Odysseus and his men and he calls out in a fruitless effort.

pg. 381

Odysseus' plan worked and no one came to help Polyphemus. The men hide in the sheep so Polyphemus doesn't find them.

Cyclops is trying to get them while blind, but they tied themselves to sheep so they can escape.

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Odysseus and his men got away on the sheep. They got on the boat.

Polyphemus talks to sheep.

pg. 383

Odysseus teases the Cyclops who throws a hilltop toward them. It causes a wave that pushes them to shore. The Cyclops chucks a rock at the ship and almost beaches them but they rowed away. He chucked it because Odysseus was talking crap.

Odysseus made the Cyclops very angry and was trying to show off in front of his crew.

pg. 384

Cyclops wanted to be friends with Odysseus who tells him to go to hell and then the Cyclops prays he will never get home.

Cyclops is praying to his dad to torture Odysseus.

Polyphemus prays to his father that Odysseus would almost never make it home and that all his companions would die.

The Cyclops prays to Poseidon to punish Odysseus.

Summarize in two or three sentences what occurred when Odysseus and his men came across the Cyclops: Odysseus goes to an island, The Land of the Cyclops, with 12 of his best men and finds a cave. They get into trouble, half his men die there, they poke out the Cyclops eye, escape, get cursed by Poseidon, try to appease Zeus, then they leave.

