

## Listening Guide- Episode 1- *The Odyssey*- Homer

### “Greek Gods, Greek Heroes and one of the Oldest Poems of all Time!”

1. \_\_\_\_\_ basically invented the coming-of-age novel with the *Telemachia*.
2. In many ways, his \_\_\_\_\_, although they are poems, are pre-runners to modern day novels.
3. The story goes that there was a woman, today we call her \_\_\_\_\_ of Troy, but she wasn't Trojan, she was Greek, and she ran away with a young lover- named Paris- to a city called Troy across the ocean.
4. For forever, no one thought this place even existed with any real certainty. We couldn't find it. Until an outrageous and bombastic but exceedingly wealthy amateur self-proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ by the name of Heinrich Schliemann set out to find it in the 1860s, and he actually did.
5. “Schliemann's excavations did to \_\_\_\_\_ what the Greeks couldn't do: destroy and level the city walls to the ground.”
6. The best historical sources we have suggest that the Trojan war actually happened and took place around \_\_\_\_\_ BC.
7. The *Odyssey* references the Trojan horse, but not in the context of a single \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Most traditions claim that he [Homer] was \_\_\_\_\_.
9. There are at least \_\_\_\_\_ different places that I found that claim that he is from there, most of them are different islands there in Greece.
10. So, the part of the water that is between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, that's called the Aegean Sea.
11. Mycenae was home to the legendary King Agamemnon and \_\_\_\_\_ was the home of King Nestor.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ was a way of life and really not even considered immoral.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ is about 300 or so miles across the sea, passed the mainland and into the Aegean Ocean.
14. Homer is a man who comes from this \_\_\_\_\_ period, 8th century BC.

15. "Sing to me of the man, \_\_\_\_\_, the man of twists and turns..."
16. \_\_\_\_\_ lived arguably about 200 years before Odysseus.
17. But the general understanding is that it was written in \_\_\_\_\_ - dactylic hexameter to be exact.
18. The thinking is, we aren't supposed to read \_\_\_\_\_ into all these little, different epithets.
19. I do want to point out that Homer does not take \_\_\_\_\_ for his story.
20. Odysseus is the only complete \_\_\_\_\_ in literature.
21. Maybe by watching Odysseus we can get ideas about how to correct course on our own personal \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Homer is going to build a pantheon of \_\_\_\_\_ that is manageable and knowable.
23. First, we're going to meet \_\_\_\_\_, and that has to be first because he's the chief, the god of the sky, protector and father of all the other gods and humans.
24. Then we get to meet Poseidon; he's the \_\_\_\_\_.
25. The big three: Zeus, Poseidon and \_\_\_\_\_ - God of the Sky, God of the Sea, God of the Underworld
26. Aphrodite makes you fall madly in \_\_\_\_\_ with someone you probably shouldn't.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ is the goddess of wisdom, and Odysseus is attuned to this wisdom of the universe.
28. "But my heart breaks for Odysseus, that seasoned veteran cursed by \_\_\_\_\_ so long-"
29. We're going to see that *The Odyssey* is really kind of divided into \_\_\_\_\_ parts.
30. The Odyssey is written in \_\_\_\_\_.
31. "That when our time comes, death will steal upon us a gentle painless death, far from the seas it comes to take you down, borne down with your years in ripe old age with all your people there in blessed \_\_\_\_\_ around you."