**English 11/12 Honors: Tolkien Name:**

**Mr. Fisher**

***The Odyssey* Study Guide #2: Books #2 and 3**

*Please answer the following questions in* ***complete sentences****.**If I feel the answers make no sense, I reserve the right to deny credit. Otherwise, a “check” equals a 10/10, a “check plus” equals a 12/10, and a “check minus” equals a 6/10. Skipped questions will lead to an automatic “check minus,” so I strongly encourage you to try to answer them all!*

1. What is the relationship like between Telemachus and the suitors? Does Telemachus have control of the situation? Why or why not? How do you think he should proceed in dealing with them?
2. How has Penelope attempted to keep the suitors at bay over the years? Why is she trying to remain “single?”
3. What does Athena (disguised as Mentor) urge Telemachus to do? Why do you think she wants him to do this? Why do you think she maintains her disguise?
4. How does Nestor greet his guest? What does this tell us about him?
5. When and how does Nestor recognize Telemachus? What qualities does Nestor see in him, and what impact do you think this has on Telemachus?
6. Agamemnon’s story is told again and again throughout the epic. Why do you think there is so much emphasis on this story?