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

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***The Odyssey* Study Guide #4: Books #5-6**

*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 first image we have of Odysseus in Book 5? What is particularly surprising about our first glimpse of Odysseus? Is this what you expected, based on all we have heard about him in Books 1-4? Why or why not?
2. Why is the goddess Calypso holding Odysseus captive on her island? What has she promised him if he will stay? Why might a goddess care this much about a mere mortal who clearly doesn’t want to be there?
3. How does Calypso respond to Zeus's demands as delivered by Hermes? Also, how does Calypso characterize Odysseus's arrival on her island? How is this account not supported by what we have read thus far?
4. What does Poseidon do when he learns of Athena, Zeus, and Hermes’ plan to bring Odysseus home? How and by whom is Odysseus saved at the end of the chapter? How might these events in the ocean be a metaphor for “life?”
5. How does Odysseus first approach Nausicaa? What other “ways” of approaching her does he consider? Do you think he made a wise choice? Why?
6. What advice does Nausicaa offer Odysseus in terms of his entering the city and who to speak to once he reaches the palace? Who has a similar approach to problems like this? Why do you think Athena wanted Nausicaa to be the one to find Odysseus?