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

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***The Odyssey* Study Guide #5: Books #7-8**

*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 sort of kingdom is Phaeacia? How well is it governed, judging from the way the King relates to his family, subjects, and the stranger who washed up on his shores?
2. What does Odysseus say when Alcinous suggests that he might be a god? After all that he has been through, what does this show us about the man he has become?
3. When Queen Arete asks Odysseus about his identity, how does he respond? What very important information does he leave out? Why do you think he neglects to tell her this?
4. Why does Odysseus end up competing against Broadsea and Laodamas after first turning down their request for a challenge? What does this show about Odysseus? After he wins the discus throw, how does Odysseus behave? What else does this show about Odysseus?
5. What does Odysseus ask Demodocus to sing for him? How does he react to the song? Why do you think he wanted him to sing this?