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

**Mr. Fisher**

***The Odyssey* Study Guide #7: Books #11**

*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. How does Odysseus cross over into the land of the dead? What does it say about the ancient Greek’s beliefs that such a thing is even possible? If you could cross over into the land of the dead, would you do so? Why or why not?
2. What does Elpenor ask of Odysseus? Why is this asking a lot of him? Do you think Odysseus should honor Elpenor’s request or ignore it? Why?
3. Who is Tiresias? What does he say to Odysseus? Do you consider this good or bad news? Why?
4. What does Odysseus learn from his mother? How might this information be helpful to Odysseus?
5. After seeing his mother, Odysseus sees a number of women. Who are these women? Why do you think Homer wrote this long list of women for Odysseus to see?
6. How might Odysseus’s conversation with Agamemnon affect his return home to Penelope?
7. Of all the many “famous” Greek figures Odysseus met in Hades, who did you find most interesting? Why?