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

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***The Odyssey* Study Guide #8: Books #12-13**

*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 does Circe tell Odysseus to do in order to get past the Sirens? What do her instructions show about her understanding of Odysseus and the man he is?
2. According to Circe, what must Odysseus sacrifice to make it past Scylla? How does Odysseus respond to the suggestion? Considering his choices, what do you think Odysseus should do? Why?
3. Why did the men slaughter Helios’s cattle, despite Odysseus’s warnings? Do you agree with their reasoning? Why or why not?
4. How does Odysseus leave the Phaeacians? What have they done for him? How will this affect his arrival on the shores of Ithaca?
5. How do Poseidon and Zeus interact in this book? What is the balance of power between them? How does Zeus assert his authority?
6. How does Odysseus handle his return to Ithaca? What does he tell those he meets about his identity and intentions? Is he wise to be so secretive? Why or why not?