

## *Odyssey Final Authentic Assessment Options*

### **Choice 1:**

Write a **letter of application** and **resume** to Odysseus. You are applying for an open position to join him on his journey.

### **Choice 2:**

Write a **letter to the editor** comparing Odysseus to a modern hero of today. Complete the **yellow hero worksheet** to assist your writing. Submit the letter to the Ledger or Weekly Reader for extra credit.

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## Letter of Application & Resume

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ / 100

	10	8	6	4	2	0
<b>LETTER OF APPLICATION</b>						
Formatting						
Addresses						
Discusses Position						
Lists skills / training / experience / etc.						
<b>RESUME</b>						
Formatting / style						
Address						
Objective						
Skills / training / experience						
Provides extra info (honors, awards, leadership, etc.)						
References						

# LETTER OF APPLICATION

4000 Awesome Avenue (your address)  
Farmville, FB 50029  
February 14, 2010

Odysseus Smith  
Ithaca Tourism Co.  
1117 Mt. Olympus Blvd.  
Athens, Greece 0986-98743

Dear Mr. Odysseus:

Things to include:

Discuss the position you are seeking

Discuss your skills / experience / training

Discuss why you are a good candidate for the job

Sincerely,

Joe Muscles

# RESUME

Should include:

Your name and address

Career objective

Skills / training / experience / education / etc.

Leadership

Volunteer work

Awards / honors

References (names, addresses, phone numbers)

*Use clean lines, clear language, conservative style.*

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## Letter to the Editor

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ / 100

	15	12	9	6	3	0
<b>LETTER to the EDITOR</b>						
Formatting						
Addresses						
Logical Reasoning						
Examples / Anecdotes						
Conventions						
Comparison Worksheet	_____ / 25					

**from the Odyssey, Book 9: New Coasts and  
Poseidon's Son (page 896)**

**Literary Analysis SkillBuilder**

**Epic Hero**

The larger-than-life central figure or "superhero" of an epic story is known as the **epic hero**. Usually a male figure, he is a person of imposing stature who stands for the ideals of a nation or race. He performs deeds of great valor that require superhuman courage. Sometimes he is assisted by supernatural forces.

Use the chart to evaluate the extent to which Odysseus acts like an epic hero. In the first column, list Odysseus' larger-than-life qualities and actions. In the second column, list Odysseus' human weaknesses and unwise actions.

Heroic Qualities of Odysseus	Weaknesses of Odysseus

**Follow Up:** In what ways do you think Odysseus' character needs improvement?

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