*Odyssey* Vocab Test Practice

**Directions**: Read each sentence. Determine if each vocabulary word is used correctly.

If the sentence is correct, place a “C” next to the sentence.

If the sentence is incorrect, write an “I” next to the sentence. Then rewrite the sentence using the bolded word correctly.

\_\_\_\_1. Polyphemus had no choice but to ask his **implore** for help after Odysseus blinded him.

\_\_\_\_2. **Devised** Circe used a potion and her long wand to turn Odysseus’ men into pigs.

\_\_\_\_3. Odysseus felt **desolate** after all of his companions died.

\_\_\_\_4. In the underworld Odysseus ran into **racket** Agamemnon, who told the story of his murder.

\_\_\_\_5. Odysseus **rugged** his homeland Ithaca.

\_\_\_\_6. Circe used her appearance to **subdue** Odysseus and his men.

**Directions**: Circle the best answer.

1. Based on meaning of the prefix “in-” what is the most literal meaning of the word “**in**cessantly”?

a. without ending

b. always ending

c. not ending

d. bad ending

2. Using the definition of the word “rugged” and the suffix “-ness,” what would the word “ruggedness” mean?

a. excessively harsh

b. not rough or harsh

c. without roughness

d. the state of being rough

**Directions**: Give the denotation and connotation of each **bolded** word in each passage (5 points for each).

1. Odysseus has just preformed the sacrifice to enter the underworld (Book XI):

“These [souls] came swarming around my pit from every direction with inhuman **clamor**, and green fear took hold of me. Then I encouraged my companions and told them, taking the sheep that were lying by, slaughtered with the pitiless bronze, to skin these, and burn them, and pray to the divinities.”

1. Odysseus and Telemachos reunite at Athena’s urging (Book XVI):

“‘…resourceful Odysseus, it is time now to tell your son the story; no longer hide it, so that, **contriving** death and doom for the suitors, you two may go to the glorious city. I myself shall not be long absent from you in my eagerness for the fighting.’”

1. Circe gives Odysseus directions about how to bypass the Sirens (Book XII):

“‘…but if you yourself are wanting to hear [the Sirens], then have [your companions] tie you hand and foot on the fast ship, standing upright against the mast with the ropes’ ends lashed about it, so that you can have joy in hearing the song of the Sirens; but if you supplicate your men and **implore** them to set you free, then they must tie you fast with even more lashings.’”

1. Penelope catches a maid being mean to beggar Odysseus and scolds her (Book XIX):

“‘Always I know well what monstrous thing you are doing, you bold and shameless bitch; you will wipe it off on your own head. You understood all this very well, because you had heard it from me, how in my halls I intended to question the stranger about my husband; since I am troubled for him **incessantly**.’”

1. Odysseus just got the Cyclops, who is falling asleep, drunk (Book IX):

“‘‘Then I will eat Nobody after his friends, and the others I will eat first, and that shall be my guest present to you.” ‘He spoke and slumped away and fell on his back, and lay there with his thick neck crooked over on one side, and sleep who **subdues** all came on and captured him, and the wine gurgled up from his gullet with gobs of human meat.’”