

Socratic Seminar FOR the end of "The Odyssey"

Directions: Read the following statements, decide if you agree or disagree, and then write out your reasoning in preparation for a Socratic Seminar.

_____ The concept of xenia, or hospitality, should be honored in today's culture, as it was in Homer's culture.

_____ Signs or omens occur all around us and we will see them if we pay attention.

_____ I would not have the patience to return to my home disguised as a beggar and watch it be destroyed by other people for days before taking action.

_____ Mental strength and cunning are more important than physical strength in a person's ability to win battles.

_____ Oral storytelling to pass along family histories or traditions is still important in today's world.

_____ Odysseus should kill all of the suitors, even the ones who have been respectful and/or kind.

_____ Penelope should forgive Odysseus for his unfaithfulness during his journey home to Ithaca.