

Called to fight in Trojan
War (resists call).

Called to leave
Calypso's island to go
home to Ithaca
(volunteers for call).

Athena,
Hermes, his
crew of men,
Telemachus.

Uses his
intelligence and
cunningness to
plan his attacks.

Calypso does not want
Odysseus to leave her
island after he was there
for 7 years. Poseidon tries
to destroy Odysseus'
journey home when he is
in the sea.

Hermes helps Odysseus to
leave Calypso's island.
Odysseus finds various
ways to avoid and
overcome the obstacles
Poseidon tries to put in his
way.

Calypso, Lotus eaters,
Polyphemus (Cyclops),
Laestregonians, Circe,
Sirens, Scylla, Charybdis,
Aeolus' bag of winds,
Helios' island/cattle, and
Pheacia.

The
Phaeacians
bring him
home to Ithaca.

Athena transforms
Odysseus into an old
beggar to disguise his
true identity in order
to defeat the suitors.

Odysseus uses his
warfare skills to
defeat the suitors in
order to regain his
position as king of
Ithaca.

Odysseus is once again
in his rightful position
as king of Ithaca. He is
home and reunited
with Penelope and
Telemachus.