

Adventures of ulysses chapter summaries



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Ships and MenIn this section, we are introduced to Ulysses ship and his crew. We learn that the ship is completely at mercy with the sea, which is what makes Ulysses lost for so long.

The CiconiansIn this section, Ulysses and his men attack a city, but then are counter-attacked by the city. Ulysses and his men get away because Ulysses sat on a piece of wood held by his strongest men and Ulysses shot at the enemy's horses to cripple, allowing all but eighteen men to escape.

The Lotus-EatersIn this section, Ulysses and his men eat Lotus flowers in Libya which makes most of them fall asleep and dream of their children and wives and make it so that they never want to leave. Ulysses figures this out, and props his eyes open with wooden splinters and carries his men back to the ship and they sail away.

The Cyclops CaveIn this section, the Crew gets caught in a cave with Polyphemus. Ulysses makes Polyphemus drunk and stabs his eyeball. Then, when Polyphemus lets his goats out, Ulysses and his men hide on the goats bellies. While Ulysses Crew sailed away, Ulysses makes the grave mistake of taunting the giant and saying his real name. This leads to Polyphemus praying to Poseidon, who was already mad at Ulysses, about Ulysses destruction.

The Keeper of the WindsIn this section, the Crew travels to the island of Aeolus. Ulysses tells him the story of the Trojan War, and Aeolus is pleased. Aeolus captured all the winds except the West and he gives the bag to Ulysses, telling him to tie it to the mast and guard it. Unfortunately, Ulysses falls asleep and his men open the bag and they get blown back to Aeolus, who refuses to help them a second time.

CirceIn this section, the Crew lands on an island where the animals behave strangely. Ulysses divides the group, and Eurylochus and his men meet a demigoddess, who gives them food and shelter. But, that demigoddess is a wicked sorceress who

turns Eurylochus's men into pigs. Then Ulysses goes to investigate and meets Hermes, who gives him Moly. The Moly protects him against the goddess, who starts to love him. Ulysses and his men stay for a while before leaving against the goddess's wishes. The Land of the Dead In this section, Ulysses learns about his future. Here are his sources:

Achilles: Tells him about the Sirens.

Ajax: Tells him about the prophecy of his return.

Elpenor: Tells him about Scylla and Charybdis.

Teiresias: Tells him about the Sun Cattle. The Sirens In this section, the crew passes horrible monsters that lure men to their deaths with their beautiful voices. Ulysses avoids this by putting beeswax in his men's ears and tying himself to the post. Ulysses, who doesn't have beeswax in his ears, is

affected to the brink of madness. The crew makes it safely. Scylla and Charybdis In this section, the crew passes through a narrow strait with two monsters on either side of them. Ulysses runs the middle, out of the monsters' reach. Unfortunately, the monsters are able to reach the men's oars and kill six of the men. But then, Ulysses and the rest of the men escape. The Cattle of the Sun In this section, the crew lands on the Island of Thrinacia. The men are tempted by the cattle on the island, so they eat them, despite Ulysses' warning. Hyperion complains to Zeus, and Zeus makes Ulysses' ship become shipwrecked. Only Ulysses lives. Calypso In this section, Ulysses meets

another goddess who loves him and holds him prisoner on the island. Athena pleads for mercy for him and Zeus orders Calypso to let Ulysses go. Ino's Veil In this section, Ulysses is sailing away from Calypso when Poseidon makes the sea boil and break Ulysses' new ship. Ino, a Naiad who hates Poseidon, lends Ulysses her magic veil that protects him from the water and

lets him swim to another island. NausicaaIn this section, Ulysses washes up on a shore in front of a princess who takes him to the kingdom. The princess figures out who Ulysses is when she sings a song about the great heroes of the Trojan War. But then Ulysses must leave so the princess doesn't marry him. The ReturnIn this section, Ulysses reaches Ithaca and disguises himself

as a begger. This allows him to group with Eumaeus and Telemachus.

Ulysses formulates a plan to keep the element of surprise. Not knowing the begger is Ulysses, Penelope holds a shooting contest for her hand. No man can bend Ulysses bow, until Ulysses tries for himself. Then the suitors attack Ulysses, and they fight. Ulysses wins, then reveals himself to Penelope

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