

LO: To use evidence from a text

Odysseus and the Cyclops - ANSWERS

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- a) Where were Odysseus and his men going?

Home after a long war.

- b) Which phrase tells you that Odysseus was worried?

"I fear," said Odysseus

- c) **Find and copy** two pieces of information about the hills.

They were towering hills, dotted with huge caves.

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- d) Why did they decide not to get back on their boat and leave straightaway?

Odysseus wanted to see what the Cyclopes were like.

- e) On page 6, the men do not want to climb the hill. How do you know?

They wanted to leave straight away by saying "Let's go!".

- f) Why did the men think something big was coming?

They were in a giant cave, they could see huge logs and the footsteps must have been very loud.

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- g) Why do you think the Cyclops rolled a boulder across the entrance to the cave? (Use the text and the pictures to help you)

The Cyclops did not want his sheep to escape.

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- h) How did Odysseus try and convince the Cyclops to let them live?

He tells the Cyclops that the Gods say everyone should be kind to strangers.

- i) Is Cyclops a kind creature? Yes or no and then explain your answer using evidence from the text.

No – he laughs at Odysseus, he tells Odysseus that he is stronger than the Gods and licks his lips as if he intends to eat the men.

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- j) Was the Cyclops grateful that Odysseus had bought him wine? How can you tell?

No, not really – he grabbed the wine and drank it very quickly, he didn't say thank you and he said he would eat Odysseus last as a gift

- k) What did Odysseus say his name was when the Cyclops asked him?

Nobody

l) Why wouldn't Odysseus let his men kill the Cyclops?

They would be trapped inside the cave as the giant stone would be too heavy for the men to move.

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Why do the other Cyclopes go back to bed? Explain your answer using what has happened in the story so far.

It seems that they were quite happy to help the Cyclops but he kept on saying 'Nobody' had hurt him when they asked him what the matter was and whether someone had hurt him. This was because Odysseus had told the Cyclops that his name was 'Nobody'.