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9th Grade Lit/ Comp – Rumfelt

The Odyssey – The Sirens, Scylla and Charybdis, and Cattle of the Sun God
(pages 1005 – 1017)

After you read this section, answer the following questions.

1. In which adventure in this section does Odysseus act most heroically? Write a CDW paragraph in which you explain.
2. How do the Sirens lure their travelers to their destruction?
3. Compare the danger posed by the Sirens to the Lotus Eaters. What is more dangerous? Why?
4. Describe Scylla and Charybdis. What are they? Use lines from the poem to support your response.
5. Why does Odysseus choose to sail toward Scylla rather than Charybdis? Explain.
6. Was it right for Odysseus not to tell his men about his decision to sail toward Scylla? What might have happened if Odysseus had told them everything?
7. Why is Odysseus unable to keep his men from killing the cattle?

POETIC ELEMENTS

8. Find one epic simile in this section OR one example of a poetic device. Write down the example and then explain its effect on the poem.