



ODYSSEY

A JOURNEY INTO ADVENTURE



Educational
Theatre

ArtSpot

GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOOKLET

The booklet is organized in three main levels: **Level 1** for beginners of the English Language, **Level 2** for an intermediate class and **Level 3** for advanced students. There is a special Level prepared for **Native Speakers** of the language for those countries in which English is spoken as a mother tongue.

Besides, each level has been divided into **three sessions** in which learners might have an approach to the story, plot, characters and they would have the possibility to solve creative activities before and after the play.

The **duration** of either session would take between **30 and 50 minutes** with a final task to write/stick on the posters given.

IN ARTSPOT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE USE OF THE BOOKLET IN CLASS WILL ENRICH STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE BY HELPING THEM TO COMPREHEND THE STORY DEEPLY. WIDENING THEIR LANGUAGE AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS TO EXPLORE ENGLISH WITHIN AN INGENIOUS AND INNOVATIVE CONTEXT.

Sessions

1. Name: **Getting ready to sail!**

Duration: 30-40 minutes

Skills: getting to know the story, meeting the characters, reading comprehension.

2. Name: **The Journey**

Duration: 40-50 minutes

Skills: Organizing the plot, learning/putting into practice useful expressions and vocabulary.

3. Name: **Arrival**

Duration: 40-50 minutes

Skills: anticipating the play, role-playing the characters, creative writing.

SpeakingSpots encourage cooperative learning by debating in small or big groups, discussing about specific topics or sharing thoughts with the whole class.

PosterSpots provide students the possibility to make their learning visible by adding summarized information or solving creative thinking tasks on the posters designed for the classrooms.

Queen Penelope and King Ulysses lived in Greece on the Island of Ithaca. Our story begins while Ulysses trains with his men as they are about to go off and fight in the Trojan War. He is so in love with his wife, Penelope, that he asks her to wait for him until his return. Ulysses gives Penelope his unique golden bow so she has something to remember him every day. Ulysses asks his best friend, Antinous, to care for his beloved. Penelope promises to wait for him and watches as her brave husband departs.

Ulysses goes to war and, after a long and cruel fight, defeats the enemies at last. Ulysses then writes a letter to his best friend Antinous commanding him to inform Penelope that he is on his way back home.

Back in Ithaca, we see Antinous receiving Ulysses' letter and secretly tearing it into pieces. He calls Cleia, Penelope's faithful servant, and announces to her that Ulysses has died in war. Antinous asks Cleia to go and notify Penelope of Ulysses' death and orders her to convince Penelope to take him as her new husband.

Inside the palace, Penelope is weaving a veil while she waits for her husband. Cleia, her servant, tells her that Ulysses has died in battle and that she will now have to marry Antinous. Penelope doesn't believe the sad news and claims that she will only marry again once she has finished weaving her veil. Inside her heart she knows Ulysses is alive, so she comes up with this plan.

Meanwhile, on his journey back home, Ulysses faces many different obstacles. One morning, he is sailing with his men and they begin to hear an enchanting melody. They are passing near Siren's Island. The sirens are dangerous creatures who attract nearby sailors with their singing voices, causing them to shipwreck on the rocky coast of their island. Ulysses knows of their power, but, at the same time, he wants to listen to their chants to know what they are talking about. He covers the sailor's ears so they can't hear the sirens' voices and commands them to tie him to the mast. The sirens continue singing, trying to convince the sailors to row towards the island, but fortunately, they cannot hear them. Ulysses, who has fallen into their enchantment, cannot move, as he is tied up tightly to the mast. After a while, the men overcome the obstacle and recognize Ulysses as a wise man. Ulysses writes another letter, places it inside a bottle, and throws it to the sea.

Back in Ithaca, Antinous reads the second letter and tears it into pieces. He calls Cleia and orders her to spy on Penelope as he doesn't understand why the veil isn't finished yet. Cleia looks through the queen's window and sees Penelope unweaving the veil she has weaved during the afternoon. Cleia goes and tells Antinous what she saw. He enters the palace and forces Penelope to marry him the next day. Ulysses is still sailing the Open Sea and Penelope is about to make the most relevant decision in her life.



MAPPING THE STORY

1. GET TOGETHER WITH A PARTNER.
2. READ THE PLOT OF THE STORY AND COMPLETE THE MIND MAP BELOW TO ORGANIZE THE INFORMATION. THERE IS A BOX TO HELP YOU.

PENELOPE		BROKEN LETTERS		ULYSSES' FRIEND
	LETTERS			
BOTTLE		ULYSSES	BLANKET	WIFE
PENELOPE'S PLAN	KING	CLEIA	BOW	WAR
			ANTINOUS	
THE PALACE	ITHACA	WEDDING		SERVANT

CHARACTERS

SETTING

CHARACTERS' ROLES

KEY ELEMENTS

CONFLICTS

Speaking Spot

Discuss with your partner: What does Penelope do while waiting for Ulysses to be back? What do you do in the moments in which you have to wait? (at the doctor, at school, at home, in a queue)



CALCULATING THE JOURNEY

1. SOLVE THE CALCULATIONS AND DISCOVER SOME DETAILS FROM THE STORY

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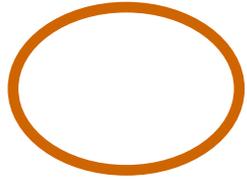


Ulysses takes soldiers to fight in the Trojan War. How many men does he take?

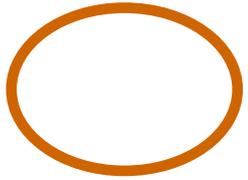
$[6/3 + 94 - 8 \times 9]$

Penelope promises to wait for Ulysses to return. She decides to start knitting a blanket. How many balls of yarn does she have?

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$[145 + 95/5 - 4 \times 4 =]$



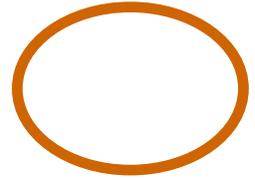
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Ulysses and the fighting crew win at the Trojan War. Ulysses decides to write a letter to Antinous telling him he is going back home. How many days does the trip take?

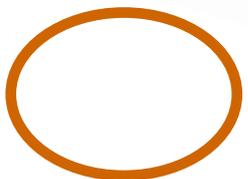
$[625/ 25]$

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Meanwhile, at the Palace, Antinous receives Ulysses' letters and tears them into pieces so that Penelope cannot read them.. He forces her to marry him as soon as possible. Penelope claims she will do so when she finishes knitting the blanket. According to her, how long will it take?



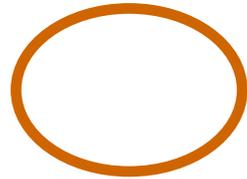
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Penelope concocts a plan: she will unweave the blanket so that the wedding day never comes. How many lines can she unweave by the time Cleia discovers her?

$[3 \times 5 + 67 - 75 =]$



Sharing Time! Write on the poster a hashtag for the story. Here are some examples: #PenelepelStrong #UlyssesGoesToWar



AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DEFEATER

- A. YOU ARE ULYSSES.
- B. AT THE END OF THE BATTLE, A JOURNALIST ASKS YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU AND THE RECENT EVENTS.
- C. COMPLETE THE DIALOGUE.

HERE WE HAVE THE PLEASURE, THE GREAT HONOR TO TALK TO THE TRIUMPHANT STAR OF THE DAY, THE LEADER OF THE SOLDIERS: KING ULYSSES OF ITHACA. YOUR MAJESTY, HOW DID YOU GET READY FOR THE BATTLE?

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WHAT WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT OBSTACLE TO OVERCOME DURING THE CRUSADE?

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IS THERE ANYONE WAITING FOR YOU BACK IN ITHACA?

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WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO DO BACK HOME?

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SpeakingSpot:

Get together with a person of your class with the same shoe size as yours.. Share your answers and act out both dialogues!

IN THE CHARACTER'S SHOES

- A. PREPARE THE SPEECH ULYSSES WILL GIVE TO HIS CREW BEFORE LEAVING ITHACA. IT SHOULD BE SHORT, POWERFUL AND AN ENERGY BOOST!
- B. FOLLOW THE SAMPLE AND FIND SOME SUGGESTIONS INSIDE THE BOX:

PERSEVERE - DON'T GIVE UP - STAY FOCUSED - BE PATIENT -
 USE YOUR ENEMIES' FORCE - BELIEVE IN YOUR INNER STRENGTH - BE POSITIVE -
 FACE THE CHALLENGE - ENCOURAGE YOUR TEAM - HELP YOUR FRIENDS -
 OVERCOME OBSTACLES - TAKE DEEP BREATHS REGULARLY

WE ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE THIS BELOVED AREA....

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GET READY TO....

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ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU SHOULD...

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DON'T FORGET THAT...

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SpeakingSpot:
 Share the speeches with the whole class and vote for the three favorite ones!
 Stick them on the Odyssey Poster.

WARRIORS TO BE

- A. GET TOGETHER WITH TWO CLASSMATES WITH YOUR SAME HAIR COLOR.
- B. LOOK AT THE FOOD BELOW AND DISCUSS WHICH SHOULD BE ON A HEALTHY DIET TO BECOME A STRONG WARRIOR.



A HEALTHY DIET SHOULD INCLUDE:

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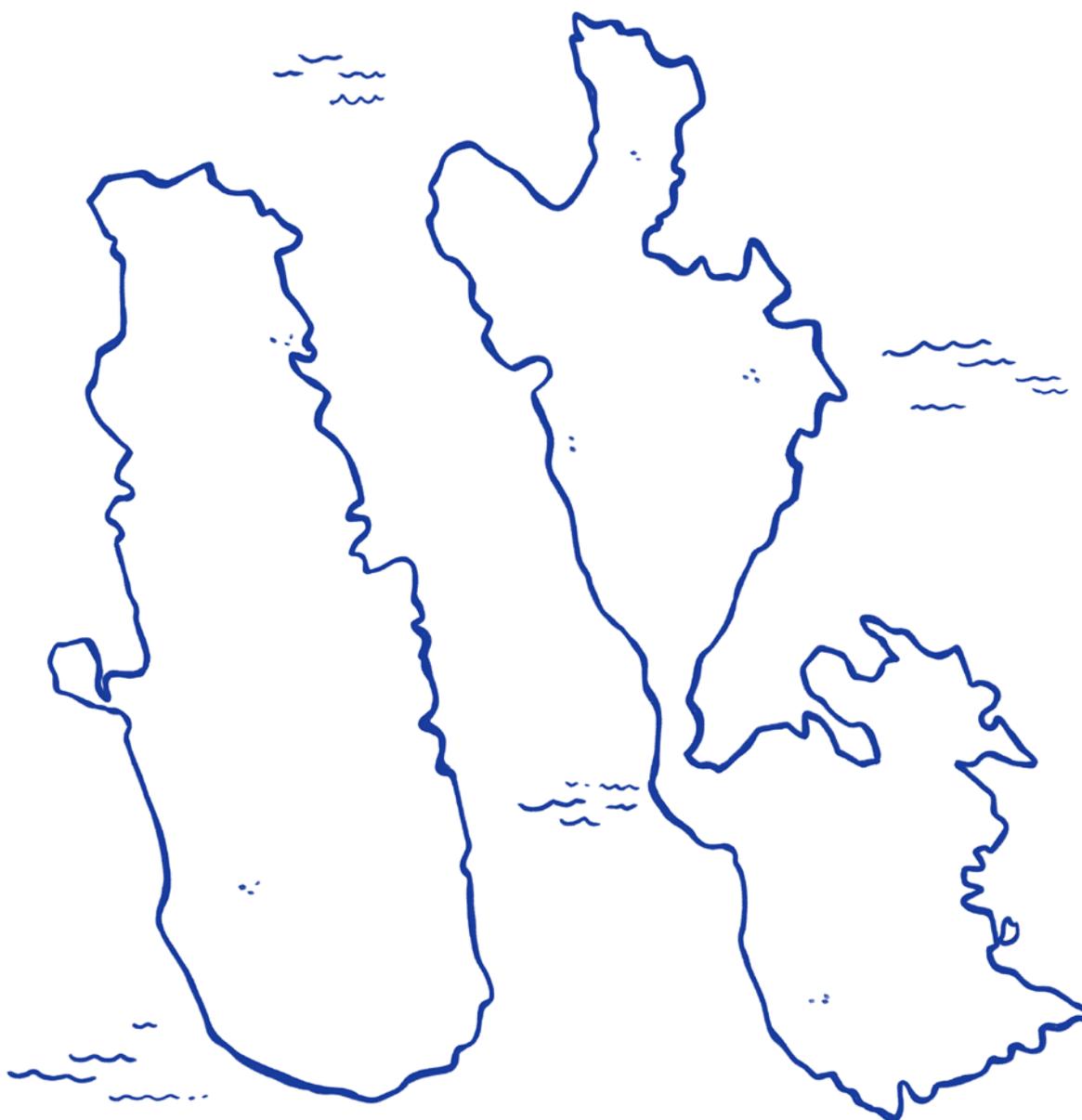
SpeakingSpot:

Discuss, do you include this food in your diet? Which is your favorite healthy food?
Vote: Which healthy food you eat the most?

DISCOVERING ITHACA

THE PLAY TAKES PLACE IN ITHACA, GREECE. WE HAVE PREPARED A MAP FOR YOU TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IT.

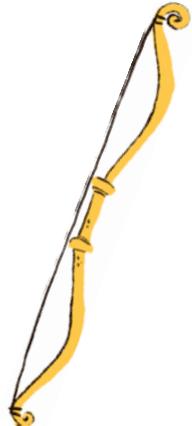
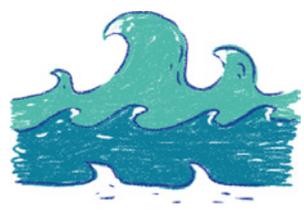
- A. COLOR THE SEA BLUE AND WRITE ITS NAME: IONIAN SEA.
- B. THE ISLAND ON THE RIGHT IS ITHACA. THE OTHER ONE IS KEFALONIA. CAN YOU WRITE THE NAMES?
- C. COLOR ITHACA YELLOW AND KEFALONIA GREEN.



I AM A GREEK ARTIST

- A. FIND FOUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OR LETTER ON THEIR ID CARDS.
- B. GET TOGETHER IN A GROUP.
- C. DISCUSS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC.

- ACCORDING TO GREEK MYTHOLOGY. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE MEANINGS OF THESE SYMBOLS ARE?



- GOOGLE THE INFORMATION AND WRITE IT DOWN.

SEA	BOW	CYCLOPE	SIRENS	ARROWS

- SIT DOWN IN CIRCLES AND COMPARE THE TRUE FACTS WITH YOUR INITIAL THOUGHTS. USE THE FOLLOWING THINKING ROUTINE:



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- FINALLY. CREATE YOUR OWN SYMBOL USING MANY GREEK ELEMENTS IN ONE. EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF IT.

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thin orange border, intended for drawing a symbol.

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SpeakingSpot:
Show your symbol, explain the meaning and don't forget to write the group's name!
Stick it on the third part of the poster.

GETTING READY TO SAIL!



THE JOURNEY

ARRIVAL

