Epic Comic Strip
The Odyssey

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is for you to gain experience translating words to images and in pacing a story.

Method: You will achieve this purpose by creating a **comic strip** based upon the characters, events, and settings of *The Odyssey*.

Details: This assignment is due at the beginning of class on Tuesday 10/13 for "A" day or Wednesday 10/14 for "B" day and is worth up to 50 points.

In order to earn the maximum grade: from 42 to 50 points, you must complete your comic strip **from** on one of the Books in the *Odyssey* that we have **not** read for class. If you choose to complete your comic from a Book that we have read in class, you may only earn a maximum grade of 41 points out of 50.

Remember, simply because you complete your comic strip on a book that we have not read for class, you are not guaranteed a grade of 42-50 out of 50 points. You must still comply with all of the criteria presented below.

Procedure:

Think deeply and creatively. The rubric will align with the directions below.

1. Choose an event from within *The Odyssey*. Search for 5-10 exact textual excerpts that will tell the event most concisely and effectively. **You are not to paraphrase. You must use precise quotes from the text.**

2. Copy the selected excerpts onto a sheet of your own paper; decide what part of the quote **can be cut** and what must be in place for clarity and economy to tell the entire event.

3. Using your excerpts as a guide, sketch out 5-10 panels in which the action of the story will flow. **Be sure the reader knows the order in which to read the panels**—arrows help.

4. In the panels of your comic book, **write out the excerpts you copied from the text**. Be sure to leave enough room in the panels for the drawings. Not all panels need text.

5. Illustrate your event in as much detail as possible, **minimize blank space**. Your comic should contain striking images and symbols. Be creative. Be interesting.

You may use a computer program with a template.
Do not simply use stick figures if you can't draw, magnify faces or other items.

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