

A Broken Hero

Nobody is perfect, everybody has flaws, even heroes. In The Odyssey Odysseus, the main character, wants to return to home to Ithaca and his wife, Penelope, and their son, Telemachus. The Odyssey tells the story of Odysseus's twenty year long journey back home. Odysseus is considered a hero by many, but along with the great things about him there also flaws.

Odysseus was a great hero with many admirable traits. For example, during the Trojan War, Odysseus comes up with a plan to build the Trojan horse, large enough to fit all soldiers, as a way to get into Troy unnoticed (The Odyssey). Odysseus proves his intelligence by coming up with this clever plan in a time of need. The Trojan horse ended up working in their favor and they defeated Troy, proving that Odysseus's plans can be followed. In addition, on Circe's island, Odysseus goes to look for his men by himself, and tells them that if he doesn't return by sunrise to leave the island (The Odyssey). This shows Odysseus's bravery as well as his honor. He is their leader and so could possibly be sacrificing himself but keeping his men alive. Odysseus is a hero who cares about the people around him and uses his mind.

Though Odysseus is a hero, he also has his flaws. For example, he believed that he was the only one to conquer Troy, with no help from the Gods (The Odyssey). Because he said this, it brought on the wrath on Poseidon who had helped him in his defeat of Troy. Odysseus was too