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1 Place the following events in sequence: A) The Trojan War ends; B) Odysseus reaches Ithaca; C) Odysseus fights the Cyclops

- A** A, C, B
- B** C, B, A
- C** C, A, B
- D** A, B, C

2 What does the "Iliad" have in common with the "Odyssey?"

- A** Both poems are about the battles of the Trojan War
- B** The gods play major roles in both poems
- C** In both poems, characters must fight fearsome monsters
- D** Achilles is the main character of both poems

3 What is the most likely subject of an epic poem?

- A** The intense love the poet feels for his spouse
- B** A hero who embarks on a quest
- C** A celebration of the beauty of nature
- D** A humorous look at politics

4 "No one is sure whether or not Homer was a mythical figure." In this sentence, what does "mythical" mean?

- A** Poetic
- B** Greek
- C** Ancient
- D** Made-up

5 Which of the following is an opinion about the "Iliad?"

- A** It is less exciting than the "Odyssey"
- B** Most of its characters are male
- C** It begins with an account of ships sailing over the sea
- D** It was composed before the "Odyssey"

6  **If you were Odysseus, how might you defend yourself against the Sirens?**

- A** You'd cover your ears
- B** You'd cover your eyes
- C** You'd cover your nose
- D** You'd cover your mouth

7 In the "Odyssey," what causes the hero to spend 10 years traveling home?

- A** His men mutiny and set him adrift
- B** He lives very far away
- C** His ships have been destroyed in the Trojan war
- D** The sea god Poseidon is angry at him

8 If you lived in Homer's time, how would you have read the "Odyssey?"

- A** It would have been written in ink on parchment
- B** It would have been inscribed on clay tablets
- C** You wouldn't have read it; you'd have listened to it spoken aloud
- D** You wouldn't have read it; you'd have seen it performed as a play

9 What event causes the war in the "Iliad?"

- A** A Greek woman is kidnapped by a Trojan prince
- B** The god Poseidon becomes angry at the Greeks
- C** Hundreds of ships sink in the Aegean Sea
- D** A Greek prince is assassinated

10  **What can you conclude from the fact that Homer's works have been studied for thousands of years?**

- A** They're the best-selling books of all time
- B** They're considered major achievements of Western culture
- C** They contain true accounts of Ancient Greek history
- D** They're the best poems that have ever been written