

### **Questions to further your thinking.**

- 1. Is Odysseus simply curious about the giants or did he mean to do them harm?**
- 2. How does this comment from Odysseus set up later action in the story? How does this statement make Odysseus seem more sympathetic as a leader?**
- 3. Reread paragraphs 7-10. Odysseus greets the giant politely, but almost immediately the Cyclops shows his true intentions. Include in your answer the actions the Cyclops had taken against Odysseus and his men.**

- 4. Did the Cyclops ever intend to treat Odysseus and his men with hospitality and concern? Once the Cyclops finds out that Odysseus and his men are stranded on the island, what does he do? Why does Odysseus lie to the Cyclops?**
- 5. How do the verbs move the story forward?**
- 6. Was Odysseus's trick necessary? Has the Cyclops proven himself to be an honest hospitable giant?**
- 7. Why does the Cyclops feel sorry for himself? How is he to blame for his own misfortune?**
- 8. In his last words what message or moral does Odysseus want to impress upon his enemy and all of his potential enemies?**