



Tell me O Teacher Testimonials

Reviews of Tell me ODYSSEUS from
Teachers, Home-Schoolers, and Curriculum Experts



*I hadn't taught the Odyssey in a few years. I read the entire binder over two relaxing evenings. It was a joy! I couldn't put it down. **It was exactly what I needed to prepare to teach the Odyssey again.** Busy teachers will so appreciate the **clear and lively writing** about the backgrounds of each of the characters and adventures, the concrete timelines, and the suggestions for journal entries. The program also has some really **meaningful prompts that opened up students' discussion and their own thinking.** The quality paper made using the materials easy.*

Janet Rogow, Teacher
Mamaroneck High School
Mamaroneck, NY

*I received the program last year at the start of the unit on the Odyssey, so I had already planned a large chunk of the unit lessons. As a result, I found that **I used the resources in the program as a way to augment my existing plans.** Even used this way, the results were great—there were reflective prompts and activities from Tell me ODYSSEUS that I used in place of some of the other things that I had initially planned, and I was **very happy with the responses and the level of engagement from the students.***

*This year, because of some scheduling conflicts, I will not be teaching the Odyssey; however, I have passed along the Tell me ODYSSEUS materials to the teacher who will be teaching that unit. I believe his **intent is to plan the lessons themselves around the Tell me ODYSSEUS materials from the start**—something I wasn't able to do because of timing last year.*

Thank you so much, the resources in the Tell me ODYSSEUS program have been wonderful!

Phil Nichols
Dean of Academics, English
Plumstead Christian School
Plumsteadville PA

*Someone not teaching the epic, or not familiar with it, might not realize just how much information has been synthesized into the Tell me ODYSSEUS teaching program. **The organization of that information is incredible** and the parts are brought together in a way that's easy to understand. It also gives me **great ideas on what questions to ask in the classroom.***

Aaron Shansky, Teacher
Mamaroneck High School
Mamaroneck, NY

*Your teaching program is not what we typically see in catalogs, **this is not your mainstream curriculum.** We normally do not purchase curriculum—but this was different. I don't need something that tells me how to teach. I need information. I used the Odyssey teaching program as a reference resource. **It helped me fill in the details and deepen my understanding.***

Margaret Groninger, Teacher
Mamaroneck High School
Mamaroneck, NY

Engaging historical information and helpful breakdowns. *The timelines and maps were especially useful to students!*

Vanessa Snowden
Public School Teacher
New York City

*Thanks for your new map and the workshop! It reminded me why I fell in love with being an English major in college and it made me feel like I was back in school discussing great literature! The great thing is: **I am excited about teaching the Odyssey again!** And, despite the fact that I could have just used last year's lesson plans, I seem to be re-vamping and extending my entire unit.*

*I can honestly say that your company, TellmeOmuse, and the Tell me ODYSSEUS binder are a breath of fresh air. You have really **helped me look at aspects of the epic that I hadn't considered before.** Your materials also **provide the story to the students in an engaging way**—with maps, organized breakdowns, memory cards and more. It makes it FUN! I am also using your map and ship/crew count. The Reader Response questions at the end of the sections are also a great way to have the students connect to the literature.*

I do not think the Classics are out-dated or irrelevant. I believe they are still relevant in our world. The Odyssey is timeless. We all struggle through life. We are all tempted. We all face tough choices. We all face monsters. We all make mistakes. The Odyssey speaks to the human condition. Life, itself, is a journey (sounds like a cliché, but it's true) and the Odyssey is a great story for today's students, a symbol of life itself.

*In all, I really love the materials so far and really appreciated our meeting: it was personal, engaging, and really motivated me. **And, best of all, it is HELPING me improve my unit from last year.** For someone who is new at teaching the Odyssey to an old pro/veteran, TellmeOmuse is a blessing! Your Odyssey program is a real help to anyone teaching Homer's great epic.*

John Roukis
New York City Public School Teacher
Manhattan Village Academy

*I absolutely love what you've done. The materials are incredibly thorough; they've helped me understand everything that is going on. The Odyssey can be very difficult to follow and **the detailed work you've done has made it all so clear, and so easy to talk about with my 13-year old son.** We read the Odyssey together. My son loves it and he's even discovered his own way to follow Telemachus' journey. The references you provide to other books have also been very helpful. **I would not have been able to talk about the Odyssey with my son if you hadn't put this teaching program together.***

Ann Harrison
Parent home-schooling her 13-year old son
Keller, TX

*Since The Odyssey is one of our core ninth grade works, I was looking for a new information/idea bank from which our teachers could draw and individualize. Your teaching program appears to be just what we need. **The content information is excellent, and several of the assessment tools can be used to address our state standards.** Ninth grade teachers will collaborate this spring to formulate a plan, and will use the materials beginning in the fall.*

Ivy Morrison
High School Curriculum Liaison