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The Odyssey

The Odyssey by Homer is a great book. It tells of the struggle of a man to return home. Throughout this book, we learn of the struggles that Odysseus faced on his journey. But we also learn of his determination and smarts that eventually led to his success. And I think we can apply these lessons to our own lives.

First, we start with a man named Odysseus, a brave and cunning man, also the king of Ithica. There were many conflicts between Ithica and Troy which led to the start of the Trojan War. During the war, Odysseus and his men fought for ten years but the war ultimately ended in defeat for them. As he began his journey home to reunite with his wife and son. The enraged Poseidon, God of the sea cursed Odysseus and his men because they blinded his son, a Cyclops named Polyphemus. This led to many difficulties on his journey home such as Scylla, a ruthless sea monster, a whirlpool, and sirens. These events led to the death of all his men but Odysseus, due to his bravery and wit was able to survive. His journey lasted 10 years before he finally returned to Ithica and reunited with his family.

I enjoyed this book; I would recommend you read it. It has an engaging plot but many life lessons as well. I think the author is pointing out the power of determination. Even when situations seem impossible, always think logically and try your best to achieve what you want. I'm sure each situation was very discouraging, and he felt hopeless at times, but he never gave up until he eventually made it home. And I think we can apply this attitude to our daily lives to achieve great things even through hard times.