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*In books 18-20, Odysseus observes the suitors and finds that two in particular, Antinous and Eurymachus, are rude and demanding. Penelope asks Odysseus the beggar for news of her husband. He says he has heard that Odysseus is on his way home. Penelope, however, has given up hope for Odysseus's return. She proposes an archery contest to the suitors, with marriage to her as the prize. She enters the storeroom and takes down the heavy bow that Odysseus left behind.*

**Book 21: The Test of the Bow**

Why was Penelope crying in lines 16-19?

The arrows (for Odysseus's bow) are described "coughing death" in line 21. What do you suppose that means?

What is the contest that Penelope is holding? Why is she holding it?

To whom did Odysseus (disguised as the old man) reveal his true identity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (His loyal servants)

What happens when Odysseus (still disguised as the old man) takes the bow? How do the suitors react?

What is happening in the last lines of Book 21?

**Book 22: Death in the Great Hall**

Why does Odysseus kill Antinous first and in such a sudden, terrible way? (Hint: Lines 8-11)

In lines 23-24, why were there no weapons to be found for the suitors to fight back?

What is Eurymachus trying to convince Odysseus in lines 45-60? How does Odysseus respond?

What qualities does Telemachus (Odysseus's son) show that he has in common with his father?

Athena helps Odysseus by deflecting arrows and Odysseus beats the suitors with her help; how does Athena's presence become officially known to all near the end of the battle?

**Book 23: The Trunk of the Olive Tree**

What word is used to describe Penelope's reaction to her husband returning from his long, difficult journey? How does this make her seem to everyone? Why is Penelope acting this way about her husband's return?

How does Penelope finally figure out Odysseus is, in fact, her husband?

How does Book 23 end?