**Book 12 Guiding Questions**

**Directions:** As you read, answer the following questions. \*\***Note:** Not all of the questions are in order!

For each of the following dangers, describe the danger, Circe’s advice, and what happens:

* Sirens:
  + What are they (what's the danger)?
  + What is Circe’s advice?
  + Summarize what happens when Odysseus and his men face this danger:
* Scylla:
  + What is she (what's the danger)?
  + What is Circe’s advice?
  + Summarize what happens when Odysseus and his men face this danger:
* Charybdis:
  + What is she (what's the danger)?
  + What is Circe’s advice? (68-70)
  + Summarize what happens when Odysseus and his men face this danger:
* Helios’s cattle:
  + Summarize what happens when Odysseus and his men face this danger:

**Analyzing the Main Ideas:**

Odysseus chooses to tell his crew only part of what Circe reveals about the dangers ahead. Do you think this is a wise decision? Why or why not?

What aspects of the curse come true by the end of Book 12? Support your response with evidence from Book 9.

What is the typical gender of the most destructive creatures in *The Odyssey*? Why would Homer do this?