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### Leader or Loser?: Odysseus as Commander

**Enthymeme:** Odysseus embodies an ideal Greek leader because he respects the gods, faces adversity with courage, and balances his political duty with his love of family.

**Claim:** Odysseus embodies an ideal Greek leader

**Stated Reason:** because he respects the gods, faces adversity, and balances his political duty with his love of family

**Warrant:** anyone who respects the gods, faces adversity, and balances duty with love of family is an ideal Greek leader

**Backing:** Discussion as to why we agree that reverence for the divine is admirable. Discussion as to why we agree that facing adversity and balancing duty and family are leadership qualities. Discuss other heroes/heroines who exemplify these ideals such as the modern soldier, Abraham Lincoln, or Colin Powell.

**Grounds:**

- \*Analyze Odysseus's reverence for Athena
- \*Analyze Odysseus's reverence for religious rites such as proper burial and animal sacrifice
- \*Evaluate Odysseus's respect for the words of divine beings like Circe
- \*Analyze Odysseus's confrontation with Polyphemos as example of courage
- \*Analyze Odysseus's experience with the Sirens as an example of courage
- \*Evaluate the conflict in the Land of Lotus Eaters as balance of duty and family
- \*Evaluate the purging of the suitors as evidence of balance between duty and family