**CHARACTERS**

**Alcinous** (al sin» ò us)—king of the Phaeacians, to whom Odysseus tells his story

**Odysseus** (ò dis» è us)—king of Ithaca

**Calypso** (kß lip» sò)—sea goddess who loved Odysseus

**Circe** (s†r» sè)—enchantress who helped Odysseus

**Agamemnon** (ag« ß mem» nän«)—king and leader of Greek forces

**Poseidon** (pò sì« dßn)—god of sea, earthquakes, horses, and storms at sea

**Athena** (ß thè» nß)—goddess of wisdom, skills, and warfare

**Polyphemus** (päl« i fè» mßs)—the Cyclops who imprisoned Odysseus

**Laertes** (là †r» tèz«)—Odysseus’ father

**Tiresias** (tì rè» sè ßs)—blind prophet who advised Odysseus in the Underworld

**Telemachus** (tß lem» ß kßs)—Odysseus and Penelope’s son

**Sirens** (sì» rßnz)—creatures whose songs lure sailors to their deaths

**Scylla** (sil» ß)—sea monster of gray rock

**Charybdis** (kß rib» dis)—enormous and dangerous whirlpool

**Hermes** (h†r» mèz«)—herald and messenger of the gods

**Eumaeus** (yØ me» ßs)—old swineherd and friend of Odysseus, he is the old man Odysseus

 first sees when he returns to Ithaca.

**Antinous** (an tin» ò ßs)—leader among the suitors

**Eurynome** (yØ rin» ß mè)—housekeeper for Penelope, she recognizes the scar when

 Odysseus is disguised as a beggar

**Penelope** (pß nel» ß pè)—Odysseus’ wife