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## Homer's Epic Legacy: The Iliad and the Odyssey

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. Students can describe one of Odysseus's challenges, such as the encounter with the Cyclops Polyphemus, and explain how he used his wit and resourcefulness to overcome it.
2. Students can discuss how Homer's portrayal of heroism in the "Iliad" as exemplified by characters like Achilles has influenced the depiction of heroes in later literature and popular culture.
3. Students can explore how the themes of perseverance and hope are illustrated through specific events or characters in both the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey" and how these themes relate to human experiences.
4. Students can analyze the enduring appeal of Homer's epics by examining the universal themes, relatable characters, and the way they explore fundamental aspects of the human condition.

