

Odysseus and Polyphemus

► Answer each question. Give evidence from the myth.

1 How did Odysseus and his soldiers learn that the shepherd was returning?

- A. They smelled the animals. C. They felt the earth tremble.
 B. They heard him whistling. D. They heard the sound of bells.

How did you determine your response? _____

2 Which best describes what the soldiers believed would be their destiny (line 17)?

- A. They would be eaten alive. C. They would outsmart the Cyclops.
 B. They would enjoy a lavish feast. D. Most of them would escape unharmed.

What evidence in the text helped you answer? _____

3 Describe a Cyclops. _____

4 Why did Odysseus act so welcoming of Polyphemus on the second night? Explain. _____

5 What was so clever about the name Odysseus chose to tell Polyphemus? _____
