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The Homeric Journey

Directions: The Greek poet Homer is directly alluded to through the character of Reverend Homer Barbee; however, the Homeric references do not stop there. Ralph Ellison's entire novel is crafted as a Homeric journey. With the conclusion of chapter 10, you have seen the first part of that journey. Research elements of the Homeric journey, and answer the following questions.

1. Who is Odysseus?

2. What is the purpose of Odysseus's journey?

3. What obstacles does Odysseus have to overcome during his journey?

4. Elaborate on at least three elements of the Homeric journey.

5. Can you think of any other works of literature or film that embody such a journey? What are they?