

## Task 1

His words were designed to get the better of me, but he could not outwit someone with my knowledge of the world. I answered with plausible words:

"As for my ship, it was wrecked by the Earthshaker Poseidon on the borders of your land. The wind had carried us to a lee shore. He drove the ship up to a headland and hurled it on the rocks. But I and my friends here managed to escape with our lives."

To this the cruel brute made no reply. Instead, he jumped up, and reaching out towards my men, seized a couple and dashed their heads against the floor as though they had been puppies. Their brains ran out on the ground and soaked the earth. Limb by limb he tore them to pieces and made his meal, which he devoured like a mountain lion, leaving nothing, neither entrails nor flesh, marrow nor bones, while we, weeping, lifted up our hands to Zeus in horror at the ghastly sight. We felt completely helpless.

Homer, The Odyssey, Book 9

How does Homer highlight the ways in which Polyphemus is different from Odysseus and his men?

Consider:

sentence structure - the impact of long and short sentences

verb choice

positive/ negative words

adjectives/adverbs

figurative language - similes/metaphor

sensory language - what can you see and hear as you listen?

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Write your ideas down here. Add more whilst you watch the discussion.