Example Response for Odyssey Questions: Include minimum of 1 quote inside response! Give an explanation as to how quote works within your response!

Question 1: *What do you see as the attitude of the Gods’ towards men?*

**Response A**: According to the gods, Zeus in particular, men “design grief greater than the griefs that fate assigns” (4). This means that men blame the gods for their troubles, when in fact they give themselves bigger troubles than what the gods and fate do. Additionally, because men have shorter lives, weaker power, and less wisdom, they are seen as inferior to the gods.

**Response B**: The attitude of the Gods towards men is one of distrust and annoyance. The Gods are tired of everything that goes wrong being blamed on them. Zeus discusses this stating, “they themselves – in their depravity – design grief greater than the griefs that fate assigns” (4). Zeus’ speech solidifys the gods view of mortals being distrusting and annoyed.

Question 4: *How does Telemachus show strength with Penelope?*

**Response A**: Telemachus shows strength with Penelope by planning to search for his father. For instance, Athena tells Telemachus, “if you should hear word that your father is still alive and steers homeward path, then-though you are much tired – you surely can hold out for one more year” (13). Telemachus shows his strength because he is taking responsibility of the situation and he is taking care of his mother.

**Response B:** Telemachus shows strength with Penelope when he orders all suitors to leave his house. He stands up to the suitors and tells them, “I shall frankly call on every one of you to quite my halls. Just hold your future revels someplace else” (16). Telemachus protects his mother after being instructed by Athena to leave and search for his mother. Enforcing the suitors out of his home is the only way he is able to control the situation.