

## Practice Paragraph

In the books from *The Odyssey* referred to as the “Wanderings of Odysseus,” our hero, Odysseus, overcomes several crucial challenges that lead to the return to his homeland. Two important incidents occur when Odysseus and his crew are sailing, and provide insights to his heroic character. He shows his leadership qualities by motivating his crew to keep going using a rhetorical question. He asks, “Did I not keep my nerve, and use my wits to find a way out for us?” (147-8). Odysseus emphasizes his intelligence and perseverance, which reminds his crew that he is a capable leader.

Now write another juicy part of the middle of the hamburger by pointing out another challenge that shows us his heroic character.

Use the challenge of the Sirens to do this.

Be sure to include:

- Textual evidence
- Explanation of this evidence