**Odysseus** was a legendary hero in Greek mythology, king of the island of Ithaca and the main protagonist of Homer's epic, the “Odyssey.” The son of Laertes and Anticlea, **Odysseus** was well known among the Greeks as a most eloquent speaker, an ingenious and cunning trickster. Homer wanted to represent a character that was pure and strong. How he did this was to instead of making him a generic hero Homer made sure that whenever Odysseus was speaking there was a meaning and truth behind his words that related to back then the modern world for example.
Nobody—that’s my name. Nobody—
so my mother and father call me, all my friends Cunning is Odysseus’s greatest trait and it serves him well throughout the poem, perhaps nowhere more famously than in his triumph over the Cyclops, Polyphemus. Having introduced himself as “Nobody,” Odysseus subdues the giant with wine and blinds him by piercing his one large eye with a pointed stake. Polyphemus then calls out to his kin for help, saying that “Nobody, friends…Nobody’s killing me now by fraud and not by force!” The other Cyclopes thus assume that he is fine and ignore his pleas for help, allowing Odysseus and his men ultimately to escape. Odysseus, unlike the great martial heroes of the Iliad, prevails by cunning rather than physical prowess. The same is true of his wife, Penelope, though within a more restricted frame. She tricks the suitors and thus delays her remarriage through the traditionally female activity of weaving. Penelope promises to remarry once she has completed a funeral shroud for her aging father-in-law, Laertes. By day, she publicly works on the garment, but by night she undoes whatever she had accomplished. This shows how both husband and wife strive to maintain their union against all odds through common trait. This quote alone shows the hidden meaning of his speech it shows he is not only aware of the situation he is in but also the fact he has a conscience that is constantly thinking of plan B. His secretive acts are not only a sign of his wisdom but a sign of his cunning as mentioned previously. What homer does with Odysseus is creating a character so cunning and pure it almost feels like he is a real person you would meet today. Why homer does this I don’t think we will know but I do know that Odysseus I do know is a warrior of wisdom and knowledge.

Targets:

1. I should analyse language devices/explore the writers methods and their effect
2. I should analyse the connotations of a key word/phrase from evidence

Student Response Task:

#1 Write another paragraph focusing on a different quote