

The Odyssey

Homer

Why is the name 'Noman' useful only because Ulysses predicts how language will work later?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	The name Noman pays off
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION Book IX

START 'Cyclops, you ask my name and I will tell it you; END "Then they went away, and I laughed inwardly at the success of my clever stratagem

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THE MOVE

Trace strategy across setup and delayed payoff

WHY THIS PASSAGE

The name 'Noman' works because Ulysses anticipates not just the Cyclops's reaction but what other Cyclopes will infer when they hear a sentence using that name. The strategy depends on predicting how language will be interpreted later.

MARK

Box the moment Ulysses gives the false name. Underline the later cries for help that contain 'Noman.' Then circle the response of the other Cyclopes and show how the name creates the misunderstanding.

NOTICE

- Why would an ordinary false name not produce the same result?
- What exact sentence does Ulysses need the Cyclops to say later?

- How far ahead does Ulysses have to think for the trick to work?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why is the name 'Noman' useful only because Ulysses predicts how language will work later? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why is the name 'Noman' useful only because Ulysses predicts how language will work later? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	The name Noman works because Ulysses predicts a future sentence: when the Cyclops says 'Noman' is hurting him, the other Cyclopes will interpret the grammar literally and decide no attacker exists. The trick depends on delayed linguistic payoff.
EVIDENCE	Use the naming scene, the later cry for help, and the other Cyclopes' response.
WATCH FOR	Do not treat 'Noman' as merely a false name. Explain why this particular name changes how later language will be understood.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. **MARK** - Box the moment Ulysses gives the false name. Underline the later cries for help that contain 'Noman.' Then circle the response of the other Cyclopes and show how the name creates the misunderstanding.
2. **NOTICE** - Why would an ordinary false name not produce the same result? What exact sentence does Ulysses need the Cyclops to say later? How far ahead does Ulysses have to think for the trick to work?
3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: Why is the name 'Noman' useful only because Ulysses predicts how language will work later?
4. **WRITE** - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.