

The Odyssey

Homer

What is the cost of Ulysses withholding the truth about Scylla from his crew?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Ulysses withholds Scylla
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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 XII

START “So they did as I told them; but I said nothing about the awful monster Scylla END This was the most sickening sight that I saw throughout all my voyages.

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THE MOVE

Evaluate leadership by comparing information withheld with consequences

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Ulysses withholds the truth about Scylla because he fears the crew would stop rowing, but the concealment means they enter danger without the chance to understand or consent. The scene makes leadership measurable by both results and information control.

MARK

Underline Ulysses’ reason for not telling the crew about Scylla. Circle the consequences that occur while the crew remains uninformed. In the margin, note what information might have changed their choices.

NOTICE

- What outcome is Ulysses trying to prevent by withholding the truth?
- What does the crew lose when they are denied that information?

- Can a leader's successful tactical reason justify keeping people ignorant of a mortal risk?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What is the cost of Ulysses withholding the truth about Scylla from his crew? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What is the cost of Ulysses withholding the truth about Scylla from his crew? 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	Withholding Scylla may prevent panic and keep the ship moving, but it denies the crew informed choice about a mortal danger. The cost is not only deaths; it is loss of agency.
EVIDENCE	Use Ulysses' reason for silence and the consequences that follow while the crew remains uninformed.
WATCH FOR	Do not judge leadership only by whether the tactic works. Compare the practical benefit with the human cost of withholding information.
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

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1. **MARK** - Underline Ulysses' reason for not telling the crew about Scylla. Circle the consequences that occur while the crew remains uninformed. In the margin, note what information might have changed their choices.
2. **NOTICE** - What outcome is Ulysses trying to prevent by withholding the truth? What does the crew lose when they are denied that information? Can a leader's successful tactical reason justify keeping people ignorant of a mortal risk?
3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: What is the cost of Ulysses withholding the truth about Scylla from his crew?
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.