Directions: Choose one of the following creative projects that correspond with our epic poem, *The Odyssey*. Your project will be graded on effort, the amount of knowledge that you present, the creativity of your project, and all mechanics of good writing. This project will be worth 50 points.

1. **Write a Short Story** - Create an exciting hero journey about an “epic hero.” The story should include the elements of a short story, including setting, character development, a conflict / problem. Depending on the length of your story, you may also include rising action, a climax, falling action, and resolution. This project should be at least 3 pages but no more than 5 pages double spaced in length. If you reach 5 pages and your story is not finished, just write *to be continued* at the end of the fifth page please. (Follow the typing instructions that we used for our Hero essay please. Send the final copy to me via Google Docs.)

2. **Create a travel brochure** - Want to go on a vacation? Create a travel brochure with maps, pictures, and details that correspond with Odysseus’ journey from Troy to Ithaca. Make the buyer want to take this most amazing journey ever. (See Microsoft Word templates for brochure templates. You must print out your brochure. It can not be shared and submitted through Google Docs.)

These are the places that should be included in the brochure:

- Troy (start here where the Trojan War ended)
- *Ismarus, Greece* where the Cicones Army fought Odysseus’ crew
- *Africa, the land of the Lotus Eaters* where Odysseus’ men forget they want to go home
- Sicily, where Odysseus blinds the Cyclops
- *Aeolia Island*, where Odysseus got the bag of winds from the Wind King Aeolus
- Italy, where Odysseus lost most of his men to the Laestrygonians, the cannibals who sink most of his ships and eat one of his men
- *Aeaea, Circe’s Kingdom*, where Odysseus’ men get turned into pigs
- The Underworld, or the Land of the Dead, where Odysseus consults with the spirit of Tiresias
- The Mediterranean Sea, where Odysseus listens to the songs of the Sirens, crosses paths with Scylla, the Sea Monster, and steers past Charybdis, the whirlpool
- The Island of the Sun God, where Odysseuses’ men eat the cattle of the
Sun God, and Zeus kills all of Odysseus’ men

- **Ogygia Island in Africa, Calypso’s Island**, where this sea witch goddess falls in love with Odysseus and keeps him captive for 7 years
- **Phaeacia, Greece**—where Odysseus meets King Alcinous and Queen Arete and tells them the story of his journey
- and **Ithaca, Greece**, where Odysseus returns home to suitors that are plundering and trying to court his wife

3. **Create a board game**—Design a mythology board game. Choose *The Odyssey* as your beginning concept. See the list of places above to help you plan the game. **Write AND PRINT a rulebook so that players will know how to play, and design and produce the necessary accessories: board, cards, dice, spinners, game pieces, etc.**

4. **Create a visual representation of any 3 key figures** that are either major figures in Greek Mythology, like the Gods or Goddesses (such as Zeus or Athena) or the Hundred Handed, or any creatures from *The Odyssey*, such as the Polyphemus, (the Cyclops), Scylla, (the Sea Monster with 6 heads), or a Siren—You may draw, paint pictures, sculpt statues, use paper mache, etc. Only do this project if you are artistically inclined.

**Due Date: Thursday, December 19, 2013**

All final copies are due for 50 points. You will lose one letter grade for each day that it is late.

**Rubric: (for written projects)**
- Up to 20 points based on amount of Knowledge / Details / Effort that you present through your creative project.
- Up to 20 points for Creativity
- Up to 10 points for Grammar, Mechanics, Usage

**Rubric: (for visual representations)**
- Up to 25 points based on amount of Knowledge / Details / Effort that you present through your creative project.
- Up to 25 points for Creativity