

## ULYSSES AND THE CYCLOPS

### CHAPTER: TWO

### ENGLISH LITERATURE

### CLASS VII

#### SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER:-

\* long ago after the Trojan war, the great Greek king Ulysses began his journey back home. His men and he were trying to find their way back home but faced many trials. Many of his men lost hope while some died of hunger and thirst.

\* One day Ulysses and his men discovered an island which belonged to Cyclops. They had heard tales of these lawless creatures with one eye on their massive foreheads.

\* They soon found a cave loaded with baskets of cheese, bowls of milk and young lambs playing in the enclosure. Ulysses was anxious to see the owner of the caves, so they remained behind.

\* Cyclops were accustomed to being out all day leading their flock to the mountains and back home in the evenings from the pastures. They lived each man for themselves without laws or governments.

\* On hearing the giants footsteps and seeing his enormous body, the men hid in fear . The cyclop placed a massive flat stone ,closing all inside his cave.

\* Suddenly by the glimmering light, the giant saw Ulysses and his men. On inquiring who they were, the courageous Ulysses asked the giant to be kind to them but instead of replying, he yanked two men from their hiding place and devoured them at night and in the morning for breakfast too.

\* Ulysses was outrageous and wanted to kill the giant but he knew if he did so, they would have been stuck in the cave forever as even twenty horses would not have been able to remove the giant stone placed at the entrance of the cave.

\* When Cyclop returned to the cave that evening, Ulysses came up with a clever plan. He gave the giant to drink a bowl full of Greek wine and declared his name as Mr Nobody to the giant. This made the Cyclop fall into a deep sleep.

\* The great Ulysses knew this was the best time to act, so he heated a six feet long stick of wood , which he made from the tree trunk lying in the cave. When it was hot enough, his men blinded the giant by pushing it into his one eye.

\* The giant's cry for help was invaluable because when the other neighbouring giants inquired who was hurting him, to their surprise, he answered saying Nobody was hurting him. The blind Cyclop then challenged his men to leave his cave.

\* The cunning Ulysses used his creative ideas once again and deceived the giant by tying his men to each of the middle sheep so that while they escaped through the doorway, the blind giant would only feel the outside sheep. In this way Ulysses deceived the giant and escaped.

\* When they were at a safe distance away from shore, Ulysses shouted out to the Cyclop saying that it was he who blinded him and that he was the king of Ithaca, conqueror of Troy. Saying this, Ulysses and his men continued their journey.

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WORKSHEET :-

A. Fill in the blanks :-

1. \_\_\_\_\_ summoned courage and asked for Kindness.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ thought the giant was troubled by some disease and went back to bed.
3. Ulysses filled one wooden bowl with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Cyclop asked the name of his \_\_\_\_\_, saying that he would give him a present.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ did not till the land.

B. Make sentences with the following words:-

1. Savage -
2. Remote -
3. Might -
4. accustomed -
5. Vast -

C. State whether these statements are true or false :-

1. The cyclops were giant sheep with only one eye \_\_\_\_.
2. Ulysses was a very clever man \_\_\_\_.
3. Cyclop did not eat any man alive \_\_\_\_.
4. Twenty horses could not have dragged away the stone \_\_\_\_.
5. Ulysses was able to set his men and himself free from the giant's cave \_\_\_\_.

D. Answer the following questions:-

1. Describe the character of Ulysses. Support your answer with examples taken from the chapter.
2. How efficient was Ulysses as a responsible team leader? Give reasons to support your answer.
3. What was the giant accustomed too?
4. Why did the Grecians hide themselves in the remote part of the cave?
5. How did Ulysses deceive the giant?

E. With reference to your text book, please do the following questions:-

1. Exercise B...Question Nos.. (i) to (x)
2. Exercise D...Question Nos.. (a) to (d)
3. Question No 4 : Reference to context ( QNos - I, ii, III, iv and v )