

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL
CLASS-7
ENGLISH LITERATURE
TOPIC: ULYSSES AND THE CYCLOPS

SYNOPSIS:

- Ulysses was the king of a small Greek Island named Ithaea- was a great warrior and adventurer.
 - He fought in the war of Troy for ten years.
 - After the war he set out on a long journey.
 - Ulysses and his companions reached the land of Cyclops.
 - The Cyclops were giant shepherds with one eye and lived in caves.
 - Inside the caves, they found baskets of cheese, bowls of milk and lambs.
 - In the evening when they returned Ulysses wanted to see the owner.
 - After finishing his work Cyclop, the owner lighted a fire and started to milk his sheep and goats.
 - By the light, the giant saw them and asked who they were.
 - Ulysses men were very scared of these giant shepherds.
 - Only Ulysses had the courage to answer the giant.
 - Ulysses wanted to kill the giant.
 - The giant Cyclop was a man eater.
 - Ulysses' four men with a pointed tree trunk which was red hot pushed into the giant's one eye.
 - Ulysses played a trick here- when Cyclop asked his name- he said "Nobody".
 - When the Cyclop was in great pain he cried out for other giants to save him.
 - The other Giants asked "Who is hurting you?"
 - The giant said, "Nobody is killing me".
 - When they heard 'Nobody' they went back to sleep.
 - At the end we see that- Ulysses and his men were able to escape from the giant.
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WORKSHEET

1. Answer the following questions briefly:

- a) Who was Ulysses? From where was he returning?
- b) Who were the Cyclops? Where and how did they live?
- c) What did the Cyclops do? How many Grecians had he eaten up?
- d) How was the giant blinded?
- e) What is the lesson or the moral of this story?

2. Give the meanings

- a) Island
- b) Shepherd
- c) Entrance
- d) Cheerful
- e) Offered

3. Answer with reference to the context.

- a) "My name is Nobody?"
 - i) Name the speaker and the story.
 - ii) Why did the speaker play this trick?
 - iii) What did the giant tell Ulysses in this context?

4. Learn the meanings on page 15.

5. Write and learn the questions on page 17. (Nos. i, vii, viii)

6. Explain the following on page 16- No. D
