

Homeric Epithets from *The Odyssey of Homer*

Epithets for Odysseus

- Son of Laertes
- Laertes' son
- Raider of cities
- The strategist Odysseus
- Wily Odysseus
- The man skilled in all ways of contending
- Resourceful Odysseus
- The man of many resources,
- He of many twists and turns
- Much-enduring Odysseus
- Great-hearted Odysseus
- Sacker of cities
- Wise Odysseus
- Great glory of the Achaeans
- Odysseus, the master mariner
- Mastermind of war
- Hotheaded Odysseus
- The man of action
- The great teller of tales
- Man of exploits
- Man of pain
- That kingly man
- Odysseus the hero
- The great tactician
- Cunning Odysseus

Epithets for Athena

- The grey-eyed goddess
- Grey-eyed Athena
- Goddess of wisdom
- Bright-eyed daughter of Zeus
- Hope of soldiers
- Third-born of the gods
- Pallas
- Tireless one

Epithets for Poseidon

- The blue girder of the islands
- He who sets the earth atremble
- The earthshaker
- The sea god
- Earth-moving Poseidon
- The earth-carrying god

Epithets for Penelope

- Faithful Penelope
- Cautious Penelope
- Circumspect Penelope
- Discreet Penelope
- Wise Penelope

Epithets for Telemachus

- The poised Telemachus
- Thoughtful Telemachus

Epithets for Zeus

- Mighty Zeus
- Son of Kronos
- Wide-seeing Zeus
- The cloud-gatherer
- Father of gods and men
- Zeus of the dazzling bolt
- Loud-thundering Zeus
- He who delights in thunder
- Aegis-holding Zeus
- Zeus who marshals the thunderheads

Epithets for Calypso

- The beautiful nymph
- Softly-braided nymph
- Divine Calypso
- The goddess most divinely made
- Daughter of Atlas
- The cunning goddess
- Loveliest among goddesses

Other Common Epithets in The Odyssey

- Rosy-fingered Dawn
- Dawn, with fingertips of rose
- The wine-dark sea

Epithets from other sources

- Aragorn, son of Arathorn
- Gimli, son of Gloin
- Legolas of the Woodland Realm
- Robin, Brave Sir Robin
- Catherine the Great
- Alexander the Great

Homeric Epithets from *The Odyssey of Thompson*

Epithets describing students

- Katie the frequently absent
- Spencer of the complicated nasal surgeries
- Miranda the Bold
- Richard the Lionhearted
- Matt, master of goofy laughter
- Righteously indignant Brittany
- Braxton the vaguely confused
- Gage the not-quite-so-confused-as-Braxton
- Jaron of the eternally raised hand
- Erin the easily distracted
- Whispering Arielle
- Kris the inquisitive
- Brooklyn the merry
- Katherine the nimble-footed
- Erica the lip-reader quietly conversed with her friend Marie, she who mouths the sentences from across the room, while Morgan the muffled giggler looked on.
- Justin the pen-spinning truant sits in front of Christine the uncharacteristically silent.
- Vociferous Kaleigh shouts to Katie the braided warrior.
- Eternally distracted Omar, curse of teachers and bane of pretty girls everywhere.
- Inquisitive Kierra
- Maria the charming
- Hailey the hungry
- Smiling Valerie the Grateful
- Dark-eyed Carolina
- Side-saddle Kelcee, she who can't face forward in a desk
- Wandering Sean, he of the dull pencil and duller mind
- 5th Period: Silent desolation in a vacuum
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Epithets describing Teachers

- Thompson the bald
- Carter, king of the comb-over
- Darth Holcomb and/or The Incredible Holcomb

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