The Odyssey: The Lost Episode

Researchers have just uncovered an amazing discovery: the lost piece to Homer’s timeless epic!

Prompt: Write the lost episode! This can either be (a) a new adventure as part of Odysseus’s journey – where else does Odysseus’s adventure take him? – or (b) an additional shade Odysseus speaks to in his journey to the Underworld.

Format: 1-3 pages in length, double spaced, appropriate point of view, title included

Grading parameters: How will this be graded? As you write, keep the following in mind:

* ***Episode placement***:
  + Where/when in *The Odyssey* does your episode take place?
    - At the beginning of your episode, include a short explanation as to where Odysseus is coming from. *Ex: Upon leaving the island of the Cyclopes, Odysseus journeyed northwest towards the island of the …*
    - At the end of your episode, include a short explanation as to where Odysseus will end up next.
  + Based on the above, who is the narrator? What is the point of view?
  + Based on the above, what has Odysseus experienced so far?
* ***Homer’s style (voice)***: In order to write an “authentic” addition to *The Odyssey*, you must emulate Homer’s craft as a storyteller. Your lost episode should include:
  + Epithets
  + Epic similes
  + Figurative language/poetic language
  + Interference/assistance/inspiration by the gods
  + Appropriate tone of the narrator
    - Homer (in 3rd person)
    - Odysseus (in 1st person)
* ***The purpose of the epic****:*
  + Tie to culture – teaching the values of the Greek culture
  + The hero’s quest: what does Odysseus learn from this episode?
  + Entertainment: this episode should evoke some kind of emotion to make it memorable to all who read it.
* ***Proof of understanding:***
  + Characterization
    - How will Odysseus react to what happens in your episode (based on when/where this episode appears in The Odyssey and what he has experienced so far)?
    - How do certain gods react to Odysseus’s journey?
    - How does whoever Odysseus meets react to Odysseus?
  + Where and under what circumstances does your episode take place?
    - Show you know the story.
    - This may take a bit of researching and mapping.
* ***Grammar, Mechanics, and Conventions***