The Odyssey Mini-Research Project

Website analysis
Identification of reliable sources
Documentation of information

To make the process of website analysis, ensuring reliable sources, and documenting information more meaningful and related to our current study, you each will be using the tools and instruction of the media staff and applying it to key characters found in *The Odyssey*. The information you find and your analysis and application of that information will make up your final assessment of this unit.

You will be assigned one of the characters below to research.
- Arete & Alcinous
- Nausicaa
- Phaeacians (and their ships)
- Athena
- Circe
- Calypso
- Tiresias
- Lotus Eaters
- Sirens
- Aeolus
- Hermes
- Helios Hyperion

The central questions for your final paper are:

1.) Who is _________________? What is the general background of this character?
   - Research your character and create at least two notecards with notes using NoodleTools.
   - Answer: Who is this character? What is s/he known for? What’s an important quality or distinguishing trait of this character? What is an important story surrounding her/him?
   - Write up your findings in at least a paragraph.

2.) What is this character’s specific role in *The Odyssey*? How is s/he a part of its plot?
   - Use your book, your memory, and your notes to write a paragraph describing your character’s role in *The Odyssey*. Identify specific book(s), page number(s), even specific line(s) in *The Odyssey* where you reference your character.

3.) How would you describe the symbolism of this character? What is s/he designed to teach the ancient Greek listener or today’s reader about life and/or how to live it?
   - Consider how the role this character plays in *The Odyssey* is symbolic. Use your own analysis and class discussions and notes to relate to the reader what the character helps to illustrate about Greek life and Greek expectations. Discuss what theme(s) your character helps support.

Finally, add an introduction and a conclusion to your findings. Be sure to cite your sources according to proper guidelines.