

The Way Eye See It

Point of view plays an important part in any story. Who the narrator is affects how events are described, depicted, and interpreted. Odysseus is the hero of <u>The Odyssey</u>, so naturally, we only hear his side of the story. Yet, stepping back, one can see that Odysseus, or *Trouble*, is not always Mr. Nice Guy.

Your assignment is to retell the story of The Cyclops from Polyphemus' point of view. Do <u>not</u> merely change the pronouns, but rather, imagine how he experienced and <u>interpreted</u> events. Remember how <u>The True Story of A.</u> <u>Wolf</u> was NOT simply a retelling of the 3 Little Pigs! The one telling the story thinks THEY are the good guy...

Also, consider WHO and WHAT Polyphemus is. Your diction (word-choice) and detail must show a distinct awareness of this.

You must create a *narrative structure*

- □ setting
- plot (rising action, conflict, climax, falling action)
- □ characterization

and include epic touches

- \Box epithets (min. 3)
- □ Homeric similes (min. 2)
- references to gods (not just Poseidon)

plus <u>professionalism</u> = your grade.

Due _____ Ink, Double-spaced, Spell- & Grammar-checked