**The Return of Odysseus**

**Answer each question in full sentences. Write the stanza number where you find each number (if applicable).**

1. How do Telemachus and Penelope react to the stranger’s arrival?
2. Compare and contrast the emotions of Telemachus and Odysseus at their reunion.
3. What does Penelope think about the suitors in her house? Give examples from the text that support your answer.
4. Why does Odysseus choose not to reveal his identity to his wife at first?
5. Was Penelope right to wait for Odysseus to return? What do we learn about her character?
6. Which act begins Odysseus’ revenge on the suitors? Why does this act catch the suitors by surprise?
7. What feat must the suitor’s accomplish to win Penelope’s hand? Who wins the challenge?
8. Why does Odysseus take revenge on all the suitors?
9. Why is Penelope so reluctant to believe that Odysseus has really returned?
10. Is Odysseus’ revenge justified? Why or why not? Explain.