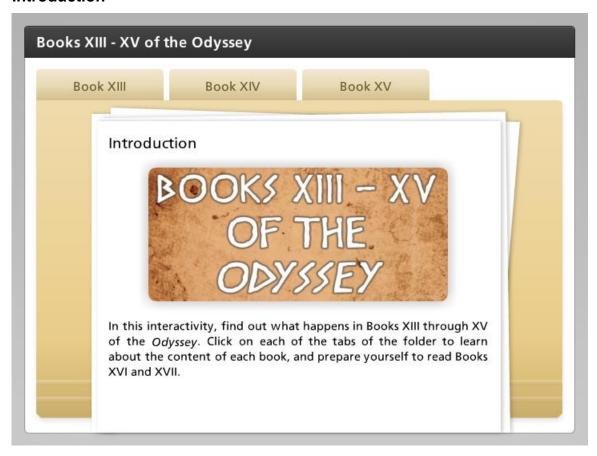
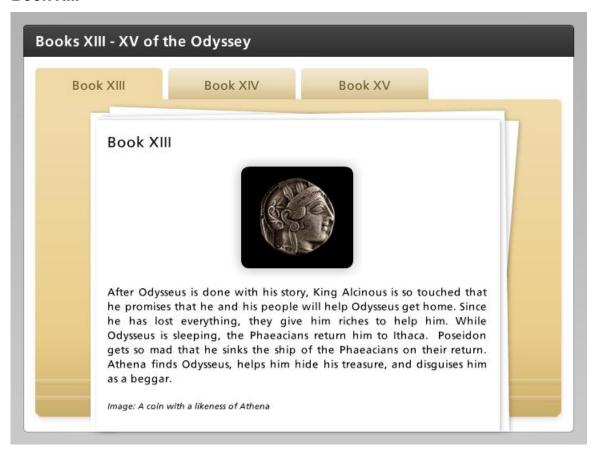
Introduction



In this interactivity, find out what happens in Books XIII through XV of the *Odyssey*. Click on each of the tabs of the folder to learn about the content of each book, and prepare yourself to read Books XVI and XVII.



Book XIII

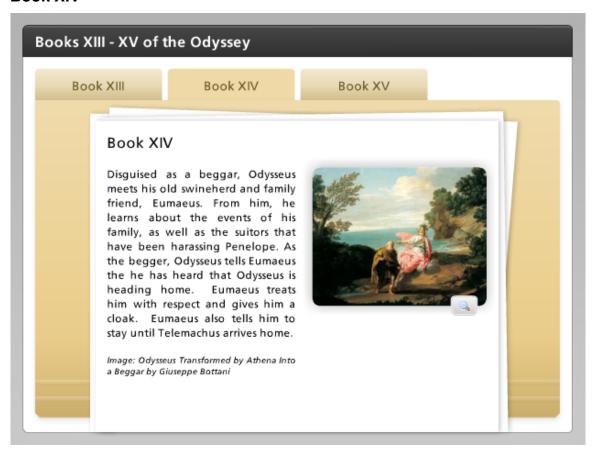


After Odysseus is done with his story, King Alcinous is so touched that he promises that he and his people will help Odysseus get home. Since he has lost everything, they give him riches to help him. While Odysseus is sleeping, the Phaeacians return him to Ithaca. Poseidon gets so mad that he sinks the ship of the Phaeacians on their return. Athena finds Odysseus, helps him hide his treasure, and disguises him as a beggar.

Image: A coin with a likeness of Athena



Book XIV

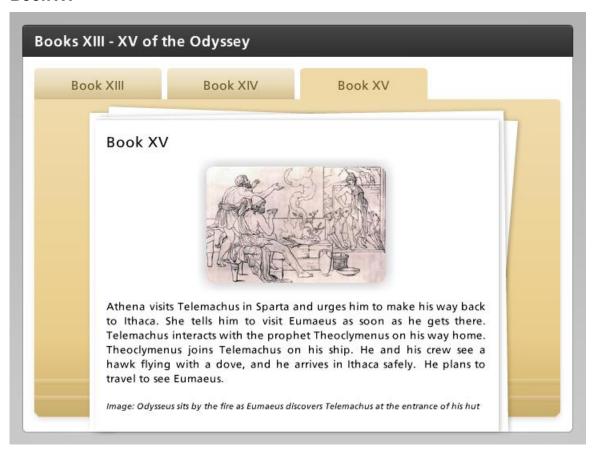


Disguised as a beggar, Odysseus meets his old swineherd and family friend, Eumaeus. From him, he learns about the events of his family, as well as the suitors that have been harassing Penelope. As the begger, Odysseus tells Eumaeus the he has heard that Odysseus is heading home. Eumaeus treats him with respect and gives him a cloak. Eumaeus also tells him to stay until Telemachus arrives home.

Image: Odysseus Transformed by Athena Into a Beggar by Giuseppe Bottani



Book XV



Athena visits Telemachus in Sparta and urges him to make his way back to Ithaca. She tells him to visit Eumaeus as soon as he gets there. Telemachus interacts with the prophet Theoclymenus on his way home. Theoclymenus joins Telemachus on his ship. He and his crew see a hawk flying with a dove, and he arrives in Ithaca safely. He plans to travel to see Eumaeus.

Image: Odysseus sits by the fire as Eumaeus discovers Telemachus at the entrance of his hut

