

Module 7: The Epic – the *Odyssey*

Topic 4 Content: Examples of Irony in the *Odyssey* Notes



Homer shows dramatic irony in the *Odyssey* when Odysseus is disguised as a beggar. While the swineherd Eumaeus does not know that the beggar is Odysseus, the audience does know.



Homer demonstrates situational irony in the *Odyssey* when Odysseus's mother appears in the Underworld. Neither Odysseus nor the reader expected this to occur when Odysseus was seeking Tiresias.



Homer demonstrates verbal irony in the *Odyssey* when the cyclops yells that "Noman" is blinding him. While he says "No man," he actually means that he is being attacked by someone named "Noman."