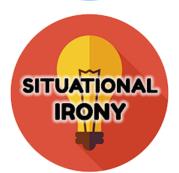
Module 7: The Epic – the *Odyssey*Topic 4 Content: Examples of Irony in the *Odyssey* Notes



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."

