**FOCUS: Odysseus ends up alone. Why do you think Homer kills off all of Odysseus’ men but allows him to live?**

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*THE ODYSSEY* BOOK XXIV READING QUESTIONS – (pages 291-303) – One point each

1. Where does the first part of Book XXIV take place? **(pages 291-295)**

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1. When Odysseus first sees his father, Laertes, what is most striking about Laertes’ appearance? **(page 296)**

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1. How does Odysseus choose to approach his father? **(pages 296-298)**

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1. Why does Laertes cover himself with dust as he talks to Odysseus? **(page 298)**

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1. What two forms of evidence does Odysseus use to prove to Laertes he is his son? **(page 299)**

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1. Back in town, what does Eupeithes, father of Antinous, say to sway the crowd to take up arms against Odysseus? **(pages 300-301)**

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1. What does Medon say to convince half of the crowd to go home and avoid a confrontation with Odysseus? **(pages 301-302)**

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1. What causes the two sides to stop fighting? **(page 303)**

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