



NASHVILLE PARTHENON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

THE ODYSSEY & THE NASHVILLE PARTHENON WORKSHEET

Name: _____

Class/Teacher: _____

During your visit, keep in mind that the *Odyssey* was likely written about 800-750 BCE.
The Athenian Parthenon was built between 447-432 BCE.
The Nashville Parthenon was built in 1897 CE.
How many years separate these events?

Why was the Nashville Parthenon built?

In the Athena gallery:

In the *Odyssey*, Athena is described as “bright-eyed” or “flashing-eyed”; describe Athena at the Parthenon and create some new epithets for her based on your description.

Athena is most famous for being the goddess of war, but she protects and guides Odysseus and Telemachus. What parts of the statue might represent these very different characteristics?

Sketch something that catches your eye:

In the Treasury behind the Naos and statue of Athena:



Athena and Poseidon have a history of conflict. What is their conflict on the West pediment?

What conflict negotiation advice would you give to the two gods?

Other:

What are some of the major themes in the *Odyssey*?

In what way do some of those themes relate to the Nashville Parthenon today, if at all?
