

English Classes

**Have out all work for
your essay.**

**When the bell rings,
please give me your
attention.**

Start with your thesis:

***The suitors did not really steal Odysseus's life as he claimed.**

Then Brainstorm support for and against your thesis:

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- ~Most thought he was dead
 - ~unwritten guest law
 - ~suitors did nothing illegal
- ~Penelope did not throw them out
- ~before Odysseus arrived, Penelope had agreed to decide on which one to marry
 - ~Isn't Penelope entitled to happiness
- ~Odysseus "cheated" kind of anyway
 - ~Suitors brought gifts as expected
 - ~Society expected Penelope to take new husband
 - ~Telemachus getting his beard
 - ~No one forced Penelope to do anything

- ~Suitors wanted Odysseus's wife
 - ~Wanted his land
 - ~Wanted his title, King
 - ~Penelope refused to choose a new husband as society expected
 - ~They were overstaying and eating all of their food
 - ~They were thrashing his home
 - ~Seduced Penelope's maid
 - ~Wanted, even planned to kill Telemachus

Next, make sure you have enough support for your thesis. Revise or start over if necessary.

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Now, try to organize your list into categories. Feel free to add, delete ideas as necessary.

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- ~Odysseus gone 20 years ~Gone
- ~Most thought he was dead ~Gone
- ~unwritten guest law ~Guest
- ~suitors did nothing illegal ~Law
- ~Penelope did not throw them out ~Law
- ~before Odysseus arrived, Penelope had agreed to decide on which one to marry ~Gone
- ~Isn't Penelope entitled to happiness ~Gone
- ~Odysseus "cheated" kind of anyway
- ~Suitors brought gifts as expected ~Guest
- ~Society expected Penelope to take new husband
- ~Telemachus getting his beard ~Gone
- ~No one forced Penelope to do anything ~Guest

Now, do a new prewrite organizing your details into 3 categories and add more if possible. Always keep your thesis in mind.

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Odysseus Gone	Didn't break Law	Unwritten Guest/Host rules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Odysseus gone 20 years ~Most thought he was dead ~before Odysseus arrived, Penelope had agreed to decide on which one to marry ~Isn't Penelope entitled to happiness ~Telemachus getting his beard ~Menelaus told Telemachus Odysseus dead ~no one has given any reason to hope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~suitors did nothing illegal ~Penelope did not throw them out ~No one forced Penelope to do anything ~ Suitors didn't kill anyone, but Odysseus did ~ Suitors didn't steal - "guests" ~ Suitors didn't lie ~ Pushed Penelope, but didn't force her 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~unwritten guest law ~Suitors brought gifts as expected ~No one forced Penelope to do anything ~ Everyone in Greece & beyond new this expectation ~ Explain expectation in my essay

**Now you are ready to write your essay.
Mac's web page has plenty of information
to help you.**



**Make sure you have a detailed prewrite before
you begin writing the draft for your essay!!!**

***Have Mac check off your prewrite if you haven't already.**

