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Homerathon: A Reading of Homer’s Odyssey at the National Hellenic Museum October 25-26



Please join the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago, Illinois as they read the Greek poet Homer’s Odyssey—arguably the greatest adventure story ever told!

Filled with twists and turns, fateful discoveries and shocking defeats, this ancient tale of Odysseus’ journey home from war has inspired many contemporary literary adaptations and films about epic heroes.

Students and lifelong learners of all ages with an interest in Greek storytelling and mythology are encouraged to sign up in advance to read a short three-minute passage from the Odyssey. Educational activities will be offered throughout Homerathon, including play areas with replicas of ancient children’s toys such as astragaloi (ancient dice), and mythology-based coloring activities and puzzles.

Descriptions of all the Odyssey passages available to readers during Homerathon are available HERE for reference.

The Odyssey brims with universal themes: the emptiness of loss, the unpredictability of love, and the strength and endurance of the human spirit through incredible challenges. Reading the poem aloud honors the oral storytelling tradition of ancient epics.

The original text of Homer’s Odyssey was written in ancient Greek. During Homerathon, readings will primarily be from Professor Stanley Lombardo’s English-

language translation. Modern Greek and Spanish translations are also be available upon request.

For questions contact the National Hellenic Museum at .

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