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'The Odyssey' breaks records at the box office

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

The new Christopher Nolan movie 'The Odyssey' has broken box office records across the world. The three-hour-long film made over \$290,000 from just one cinema in London. The movie theatre had its highest three-day opening weekend in history. The previous weekend record was held by 'Star Wars: The Last Jedi' in 2017, with another Nolan-directed movie 'Oppenheimer' in third place. 'The Odyssey' is also doing well in the USA. It is the biggest domestic opening of the year for a non-animated film. The world's largest theatre operator AMC Entertainment reported high ticket sales. It had screenings at 2 am, 3 am, and 6 am in some cities to meet demand. Almost all seats were sold out.

'The Odyssey' is a 2026 action fantasy film. It was written and directed by Christopher Nolan. It is based on an epic 2,700-year-old poem written by the ancient Greek poet Homer. The story is about a Greek king called Odysseus. Viewers see his dangerous ten-year journey home after fighting in the Trojan War in around 1200 BC. On his travels, he meets many mythical creatures. The movie has a star-studded cast including Matt Damon and rapper Travis Scott. 'The Odyssey' has had many positive reviews. Nolan has also received a lot of praise. Movie expert David A. Gross said: "Nolan is the only filmmaker working today who could take an ancient story like this ... and make it a pop culture event."

Sources: <https://variety.com/2026/film/box-office/the-odyssey-uk-ireland-box-office-1236816591/>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/19/business/media/the-odyssey-box-office-christopher-nolan.html>
<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2026/jul/20/the-odyssey-box-office>

WARM-UPS

1. MOVIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about movies. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

movie / odyssey / box office / movie theatre / history / domestic / non-animated film / action / fantasy / epic / poem / journey / travels / mythical creatures / cast / praise

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ODYSSEY: Students A **strongly** believe we should all go on a very long journey; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. JOURNEYS: Where would you go on a long journey? What would you do? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Journeys...	Where	What To Do	Why
by bicycle			
on foot			
by train			
by ship			
by motorbike			
by car			

5. CINEMA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "cinema". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MOVIE GENRES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best movie genre at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Action
- Fantasy
- Historical
- Comedy
- Romance
- Science fiction
- Horror
- Suspense

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. box office | a. The best result ever. |
| 2. record (noun) | b. In the same country. |
| 3. previous | c. The number of people who want something. |
| 4. domestic | d. Before this one. |
| 5. non-animated | e. The number or value of things that are sold. |
| 6. sales | f. The money a film makes from ticket sales. |
| 7. demand (noun) | g. Made with real people, not cartoons or animation. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. based on | h. Very long and about important or exciting events. |
| 9. epic | i. Very old and from a long time ago. |
| 10. ancient | j. Nice words that show you think someone or something is very good. |
| 11. journey | k. Living things such as animals or imaginary beings. |
| 12. creatures | l. A trip from one place to another. |
| 13. cast | m. Made from or using another story, book, or true event. |
| 14. praise | n. The actors in a film, play, or TV show. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says 'The Odyssey' is the biggest movie ever. **T / F**
2. One London cinema made \$29 million in three days. **T / F**
3. Many people in the USA are going to see the movie. **T / F**
4. In some cities, people watched the movie in a cinema at 3 am. **T / F**
5. The movie is based on a poem that is over 2,500 years old. **T / F**
6. A character in the movie took ten years to go home after a war. **T / F**
7. The movie has had many negative reviews. **T / F**
8. The director made an old story into a modern pop culture event. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. broken | a. only |
| 2. just | b. operating |
| 3. previous | c. long |
| 4. place | d. trip |
| 5. almost | e. position |
| 6. epic | f. smashed |
| 7. journey | g. specialist |
| 8. mythical | h. last |
| 9. expert | i. legendary |
| 10. working | j. nearly |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The three-hour-long film made | a. 2,700-year-old poem |
| 2. a non- | b. a lot of praise |
| 3. high ticket | c. sold out |
| 4. It had screenings | d. Trojan War |
| 5. Almost all seats were | e. sales |
| 6. It is based on an epic | f. studded cast |
| 7. fighting in the | g. over \$290,000 |
| 8. The movie has a star- | h. at 2 am, 3 am, and 6 am |
| 9. Nolan has also received | i. working today |
| 10. Nolan is the only filmmaker | j. animated film |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

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held
domestic
seats
across
sales
place
opening
animated

'The Odyssey' is a 2026 action (9) _____ film. It was written and directed by Christopher Nolan. It is (10) _____ on an epic 2,700-year-old poem written by the (11) _____ Greek poet Homer. The story is about a Greek king called Odysseus. Viewers see his dangerous ten-year (12) _____ home after fighting in the Trojan War in around 1200 BC. On his travels, he meets many mythical (13) _____. The movie has a star-studded cast including Matt Damon and rapper Travis Scott. 'The Odyssey' has had many (14) _____ reviews. Nolan has also received a lot of (15) _____. Movie expert David A. Gross said: "Nolan is the only filmmaker working today who could take an ancient story like this ... and make it a pop culture (16) _____."

ancient
praise
fantasy
event
creatures
based
journey
positive

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) 'The Odyssey' has broken box office records _____
 - a. across the world
 - b. a cross the world
 - c. cross the world
 - d. crossing the world
- 2) The three-hour-long film made over \$290,000 from _____
 - a. justly one cinema
 - b. just one cinema
 - c. just once cinema
 - d. adjust one cinema
- 3) It is the biggest domestic opening of the year for a _____
 - a. non-animator film
 - b. now-animated film
 - c. non-animated film
 - d. non-animate it film
- 4) The world's largest theatre operator AMC Entertainment reported _____
 - a. height ticket sales
 - b. high ticket sells
 - c. high ticket sale
 - d. high ticket sales
- 5) in some cities to meet demand. Almost all seats _____
 - a. were sold out
 - b. were sells out
 - c. were told out
 - d. were sole doubt
- 6) It is based on an epic 2,700-_____
 - a. year-older poem
 - b. year-old poet
 - c. years-old poem
 - d. year-old poem
- 7) On his travels, he meets _____
 - a. many mythical creature
 - b. many mythical creatures
 - c. many myth call creatures
 - d. many my ethical creatures
- 8) The movie has a star-studded cast _____
 - a. inclusive Matt Damon
 - b. include din Matt Damon
 - c. include in Matt Damon
 - d. including Matt Damon
- 9) 'The Odyssey' has had many positive reviews. Nolan has also received a _____
 - a. lot of prize
 - b. lot of plays
 - c. lot of pries
 - d. lot of praise
- 10) who could take an ancient story like this ... and make it a _____
 - a. pop culture events
 - b. pop culture event
 - c. poppy culture event
 - d. pops culture event

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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'The Odyssey' is a 2026 (7) _____. It was written and directed by Christopher Nolan. It is based (8) _____ 2,700-year-old poem written by the ancient Greek poet Homer. The story is about a Greek king called Odysseus. Viewers see his dangerous ten-year (9) _____ fighting in the Trojan War in around 1200 BC. On his travels, he meets many mythical creatures. The movie (10) _____-studded cast including Matt Damon and rapper Travis Scott. 'The Odyssey' has had many positive reviews. Nolan has also received a (11) _____. Movie expert David A. Gross said: "Nolan is the only filmmaker working today who could take an ancient story like this ... and make it a (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

1. Where has the movie 'The Odyssey' broken box office records?
2. How long is 'The Odyssey'?
3. What Christopher Nolan movie is in third place?
4. In which country is 'The Odyssey' doing well?
5. What is the earliest screening of 'The Odyssey' in some cities?
6. How old is the poem 'The Odyssey' is based on?
7. What war did a king called Odysseus fight in?
8. Who did Odysseus meet on his journey home?
9. What kinds of reviews has the movie had?
10. What did a movie expert say the movie was made into?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

- 1) Where has the movie 'The Odyssey' broken box office records?
 - a) in Greece
 - b) across the world
 - c) in Africa
 - d) in Australia
- 2) How long is 'The Odyssey'?
 - a) 2 hours
 - b) 2 1/2 hours
 - c) 3 hours
 - d) 3 1/2 hours
- 3) What Christopher Nolan movie is in third place?
 - a) Dunkirk
 - b) Interstellar
 - c) Inception
 - d) Oppenheimer
- 4) In which country is 'The Odyssey' doing well?
 - a) the UAE
 - b) the USA
 - c) Greece
 - d) Japan
- 5) What is the earliest screening of 'The Odyssey' in some cities?
 - a) 2 am
 - b) 4 am
 - c) 6 am
 - d) 8 am
- 6) How old is the poem 'The Odyssey' is based on?
 - a) 2,700 years old
 - b) 2,600 years old
 - c) 2,500 years old
 - d) 2,200 years old
- 7) What war did a king called Odysseus fight in?
 - a) WWI
 - b) the Greek War
 - c) the One-hundred Years War
 - d) the Trojan War
- 8) Who did Odysseus meet on his journey home?
 - a) his family
 - b) his biggest enemy
 - c) mythical creatures
 - d) his long-lost friend
- 9) What kinds of reviews has the movie had?
 - a) negative reviews
 - b) mixed reviews
 - c) five-star reviews
 - d) positive reviews
- 10) What did a movie expert say the movie was made into?
 - a) a book
 - b) a pop culture event
 - c) a smash hit
 - d) a poem

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

Role A – Action

You think action is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): fantasy, romance or science fiction.

Role B – Fantasy

You think fantasy is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): action, romance or science fiction.

Role C – Romance

You think romance is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): fantasy, action or science fiction.

Role D – Science Fiction

You think science fiction is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): fantasy, romance or action.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'odyssey' and 'movie'.

odyssey	movie
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• new • broken • highest • held • domestic • cities	• based • king • viewers • travels • many • only
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THE ODYSSEY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about The Odyssey in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

THE ODYSSEY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'odyssey'?
3. What do you know about the movie director Christopher Nolan?
4. What are your favourite movies?
5. Have you ever been on a long journey?
6. What do you think of movie theatres?
7. Are animated movies better than non-animated films?
8. What are the good and bad things about cinemas?
9. What is the best length of time for a movie?
10. What long journey would you like to go on?

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THE ODYSSEY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'movie'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about ancient Greek poetry?
15. What do you think of poetry?
16. Is it better to watch movies in cinemas or at home?
17. What do you know about the Trojan War?
18. What do you think of mythical creatures?
19. Who are your favourite movie actors and directors?
20. What questions would you like to ask Christopher Nolan?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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'The Odyssey' is a 2026 action fantasy film. It was (7) _____ and directed by Christopher Nolan. It is based (8) _____ an epic 2,700-year-old poem written by the ancient Greek poet Homer. The story is about a Greek king (9) _____ Odysseus. Viewers see his dangerous ten-year journey home after fighting in the Trojan War in around 1200 BC. On his travels, he meets (10) _____ mythical creatures. The movie has a star-studded cast including Matt Damon and rapper Travis Scott. 'The Odyssey' has had many positive (11) _____. Nolan has also received a lot of praise. Movie expert David A. Gross said: "Nolan is the only filmmaker working today who could take an ancient story like (12) _____... and make it a pop culture event."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) cross | (b) crossing | (c) abroad | (d) across |
| 2. | (a) highly | (b) heighten | (c) heights | (d) highest |
| 3. | (a) holding | (b) held | (c) hold | (d) holds |
| 4. | (a) good | (b) goodness | (c) well | (d) wells |
| 5. | (a) by | (b) as | (c) for | (d) on |
| 6. | (a) out | (b) up | (c) in | (d) down |
| 7. | (a) wrote | (b) written | (c) writing | (d) writes |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) at | (d) of |
| 9. | (a) calls | (b) called | (c) calling | (d) call |
| 10. | (a) much | (b) plenty | (c) many | (d) lots |
| 11. | (a) reviewed | (b) review | (c) reviews | (d) reviewer |
| 12. | (a) epic | (b) him | (c) poem | (d) this |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the vuiespro weekend record
2. the biggest emcoidts opening
3. a non- eadnitma film
4. the world's largest theatre eroortap
5. It had csgsinreen at 2 am
6. meet dendam

Paragraph 2

7. 'The Odyssey' is a 2026 action nyaatfs film
8. It is ebdsa on an epic 2,700-year-old poem
9. written by the inanect Greek poet Homer
10. his dangerous ten-year rjeynou home
11. he meets many tymahilc creatures
12. received a lot of earisp

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 'The Odyssey' is a 2026 action fantasy film. It was written and directed by Christopher Nolan. It is based
- () 1200 BC. On his travels, he meets many mythical creatures. The movie has a star-studded cast including
- () animated film. The world's largest theatre operator AMC Entertainment reported high ticket
- () by 'Star Wars: The Last Jedi' in 2017, with another Nolan-directed movie 'Oppenheimer' in third
- () king called Odysseus. Viewers see his dangerous ten-year journey home after fighting in the Trojan War in around
- () Matt Damon and rapper Travis Scott. 'The Odyssey' has had many positive reviews. Nolan has also received a lot
- () of praise. Movie expert David A. Gross said: "Nolan is the only filmmaker working
- () on an epic 2,700-year-old poem written by the ancient Greek poet Homer. The story is about a Greek
- () place. 'The Odyssey' is also doing well in the USA. It is the biggest domestic opening of the year for a non-
- () sales. It had screenings at 2 am, 3 am, and 6 am in some cities to meet demand. Almost all seats were sold out.
- (**1**) The new Christopher Nolan movie 'The Odyssey' has broken box office records across the
- () theatre had its highest three-day opening weekend in history. The previous weekend record was held
- () today who could take an ancient story like this ... and make it a pop culture event."
- () world. The three-hour-long film made over \$290,000 from just one cinema in London. The movie

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. across box broke It office records the world .
2. history highest in opening The three-day weekend .
3. held previous record 'Star Wars' The was weekend . by
4. biggest domestic It's of opening the the year .
5. all Almost of out seats sold the were .
6. 2,700-year-old an based epic is It on poem .
7. a about Greek is king story The .
8. creatures he his many meets mythical On travels .
9. had has many movie positive reviews The .
10. a ancient event into pop-culture story Turn an .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

The new Christopher Nolan movie 'The Odyssey' has *breaking / broken* box office records across the world. The three-hour-long film made *up / over* \$290,000 from just one cinema in London. The movie theatre had its *highest / high* three-day opening weekend *on / in* history. The previous weekend record was held *at / by* 'Star Wars: The Last Jedi' in 2017, with *another / others* Nolan-directed movie 'Oppenheimer' in *third / thirdly* place. 'The Odyssey' is also doing well in the USA. It is the biggest domestic *opens / opening* of the year for a non-animated film. The world's largest theatre operator AMC Entertainment reported high ticket *sells / sales*. It had screenings at 2 am, 3 am, and 6 am in some cities to meet demand. Almost all seats were sold *out / in*.

'The Odyssey' is a 2026 action fantasy film. It was *written / wrote* and directed by Christopher Nolan. It is based *on / of* an epic 2,700-year-old poem written by the ancient Greek *poet / poetry* Homer. The story is about a Greek king *name / called* Odysseus. Viewers see his dangerous ten-year journey home after fighting *on / in* the Trojan War in around 1200 BC. On his travels, he meets many *mythical / myths* creatures. The movie has a star-studded *cast / cost* including Matt Damon and rapper Travis Scott. 'The Odyssey' has had many positive *review / reviews*. Nolan has also received a lot of praise. Movie expert David A. Gross said: "Nolan is the only filmmaker working today *what / who* could take an ancient story like this ... and make it a *pop / bang* culture event."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ n_w Chr_st_ph_r N_l_n m_v__ 'Th_ _dyss_y' h_s
br_k_n b_x _ff_c_ r_c_rds _cr_ss th_ w_rld. Th_ thr__-
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c_n_m_ _n L_nd_n. Th_ m_v__ th__tr_ h_d _ts h_gh_st
thr__-d_y _p_n_ng w__k_nd _n h_st_ry. Th_ pr_v__s
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'_pp_nh__m_r' _n th_rd pl_c_. 'Th_ _dyss_y' _s _ls_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

the new christopher nolan movie the odyssey has broken box office records across the world the threehourlong film made over 290000 from just one cinema in london the movie theatre had its highest threeday opening weekend in history the previous weekend record was held by star wars the last jedi in 2017 with another nolandirected movie oppenheimer in third place the odyssey is also doing well in the usa it is the biggest domestic opening of the year for a nonanimated film the worlds largest theatre operator amc entertainment reported high ticket sales it had screenings at 2 am 3 am and 6 am in some cities to meet demand almost all seats were sold out

the odyssey is a 2026 action fantasy film it was written and directed by christopher nolan it is based on an epic 2700yearold poem written by the ancient greek poet homer the story is about a greek king called odysseus viewers see his dangerous tenyear journey home after fighting in the trojan war in around 1200 bc on his travels he meets many mythical creatures the movie has a starstudded cast including matt damon and rapper travis scott the odyssey has had many positive reviews nolan has also received a lot of praise movie expert david a gross said nolan is the only filmmaker working today who could take an ancient story like this and make it a pop culture event

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The new Christopher Nolan movie 'The Odyssey' has broken box office records across the world. The three-hour-long film made over \$290,000 from just one cinema in London. The movie theatre had its highest three-day opening weekend in history. The previous weekend record was held by 'Star Wars: The Last Jedi' in 2017, with another Nolan-directed movie 'Oppenheimer' in third place. 'The Odyssey' is also doing well in the USA. It is the biggest domestic opening of the year for a non-animated film. The world's largest theatre operator AMC Entertainment reported high ticket sales. It had screenings at 2am, 3am, and 6am in some cities to meet demand. Almost all seats were sold out. 'The Odyssey' is a 2026 action fantasy film. It was written and directed by Christopher Nolan. It is based on an epic 2,700-year-old poem written by the ancient Greek poet Homer. The story is about a Greek king called Odysseus. Viewers see his dangerous ten-year journey home after fighting in the Trojan War in around 1200 BC. On his travels, he meets many mythical creatures. The movie has a star-studded cast including Matt Damon and rapper Travis Scott. 'The Odyssey' has had many positive reviews. Nolan has also received a lot of praise. Movie expert David A. Gross said: "Nolan is the only filmmaker working today who could take an ancient story like this... and make it a pop culture event."

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

Write about movies for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260723-the-odyssey.html>

Non-animated movies are better than animated movies. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE ODYSSEY: Make a poster about 'The Odyssey'. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ODYSSEYS: Write a magazine article about all of us going on long very journeys. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on The Odyssey. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your thoughts on ancient poems. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. e 7. c
8. m 9. h 10. i 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. a	3. h	4. e	5. j
6. c	7. d	8. i	9. g	10. b

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Across the world
- Three hours
- Oppenheimer
- The USA
- 2 am
- 2,700 years old
- The Trojan War
- Mythical creatures
- Positive reviews
- A pop culture event

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- It broke box office records across the world.
- The highest three-day opening weekend in history.
- The previous weekend record was held by 'Star Wars'.
- It's the biggest domestic opening of the year.
- Almost all of the seats were sold out.
- It is based on an epic 2,700-year-old poem.
- The story is about a Greek king.
- On his travels, he meets many mythical creatures.
- The movie has had many positive reviews.
- Turn an ancient story into a pop-culture event.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)