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1. The blind poet, Demodokos, in The Odyssey, is said to have been based off Homer, who was also blind.

2. An epic is a long poem that is usually passed on verbally in ancient times and typically revolves around a hero or legendary person.

Telechamus struggles with the particulars of his father's death because he does not know where his father died. He left to fight in Icatha, and never returned from the war, and if he did die, Telechamus worries if he died an honorable death and wants to give his body a proper burial. Telechamus was unsure if Odysseus was even his true father, but this was confirmed when Pallas Athena disguised as Mentes claimed to be his father's friend and said that Telechamus looked like his father. Knowing this brings clarity to Telechamus's mind and gives him motivation. He declares among the suitors occupying the palace "As for giving orders, men will see to that, but I most of all: I hold the reins of power in this house," (Homer 89). Telechamus, now knowing his father is somewhere out there, finds himself with confidence to declare himself ruler and to drive away all the suitors. One could say he will no longer struggle with the particulars of his father's death, but will now begin a new journey to find Oddyseus.