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Period 8

HW #62

The second paragraph of Book 22 of *The Odyssey* produced a strong reaction. The second paragraph starts from line 8 to line 14. This paragraph captures the suddenness of a violent death. In the text, the author writes, "...he [Odysseus] trained a stabbing arrow on Antinous... just lifting a gorgeous golden loving-cup...slaughter the last thing on the suitor's mind," (Lines 8-11). The suitor was just drinking some wine, and then he simply dies. No battle, no honor for the dishonorable, just death. Odysseus' lack of mercy is also portrayed, which truly does make the rest of the killing of the suitors a slaughter in the hall.