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The ending of the Odyssey was inadequate and too similar to a happily ever after. Odysseus' plan to deal with the angry mob outside the palace was for simply he and Telemachus to fight the entire mob. This would have made for a glorious ending, were it not for the intervention of the gods. Homer writes, "'Do as your [Athena's] heart desires -- but let me [Zeus] tell you how it should be done. Now that royal Odysseus has taken his revenge, let both sides seal their pacts...Let them be friends as devoted as in the old days. Let peace and wealth come..."'(Book 24 Lines 531-536). Potential bloodshed was just stopped in favor of a cliché happy ending because Zeus decided to let Athena end the conflict with peace. Hence, the ending of the Odyssey was inadequate and cliché.