Odyssey Book 20 and 21 Notes

Book 20:

1. Odysseus lays down to sleep on the floor outside of Penelope’s room
2. Odysseus has issues falling asleep
3. He spots some maids sneaking out to sleep with the suitors
4. Odysseus is angry at the maids for their betrayal
5. Telemachos checks on Odysseus and demands the maids prepare a feast for a holiday
6. The holiday is a day of sacrifice to Apollo
7. Ktesippos throws a cow’s foot at Odysseus
8. Theoklymenos has a vision of the hall full of blood and shades of the dead

Book 21:

1. Penelope takes down Odysseus’s bow from its place of honor on the wall
2. Odysseus meets Iphitos in Messene
3. Odysseus becomes friends with Iphitos, and gives Iphitos a spear and sword
4. Telemachos tries to string the bow and Odysseus tells him not to do it
5. Telemachos listens and gives the bow over to a suitor
6. Odysseus speaks up and wants to string the bow
7. The suitors say no
8. Penelope yells at Eurymachos and Antinous for treating Odysseus poorly
9. As Odysseus is stringing the bow, the suitors yell insults at him
10. Odysseus succeeds in stringing the bow and Zeus does a single thunderclap.