Essay 1

The odyssey of homer introduces us to the life of Odysseus, how a man left his home to fight war for ten years and after the fight was lost for additional ten years for, he couldn’t find his way back home and that made his people believe he was dead and that prompted his son Telemachus to find his missing dad and his wife Penelope never lost faith about her husband being dead. The author found a way to make his audience understand this book by using artistic ornaments like irony, imagery and symbolism to know what he is talking about.

In book 1 line 376 - 380 “But if you decide it is more profitable and better to go on, eating up one man’s livelihood, without payment, then spoil my house. I will cry out to the god’s everlasting in the hope that Zeus might somehow grant a reversal of fortunes. Then you may perish in this house, with no payment given.” This quote explains how the suitors are ambushers, intruders that shows up to one mans house and feast on they foods without payments, how they feast on your livelihood like all is good and all is forgiven like liches, and this paints the image of who the suitors are.

In book 2 line 149 - 154 “but when they were over the middle of the vociferous assembly, they turned on each other suddenly in a thick shudder of wings, and swooped over the heads of all, with eyes glaring and deadly, and tore each other by neck and cheek with their talons, then sped away to the right across the houses and city.” This quote and the eagle were used as a symbol of death and destruction that were to fall upon the suitors. Halitherses was able to explain the meaning of the symbol flying over the heads of suitors of bloodshed on the men of sunny ithaka.

In book 2 line 214 – 220 “for I am going to Sparta and going to sandy Pylos to ask about the homecoming of my father, who Is long absent, on the chance of some mortal men telling me, or of hearing a rumor sent by Zeus. She more than others spreads news among people, then if I hear my father is alive and on his way home, then, hard pressed though I be, I will still hold out for another year.” This quote shows the irony of his dead father that Telemachus is ready to go find his dad and not ready to believe his father his dead yet and willing to go find his father dead or alive.

To conclude we can see how the author has used these ornaments to explain his point of view on the odyssey and how these ornaments help understand the stands of the book and how we can see the stands of each character in the book.