

Homer's works	Events in chronological order
	Apple of Discord
	Judgment of Paris
	Paris and Helen (Menelaus's wife) elope to Troy.
	Greeks under Agamemnon (Menelaus's brother) besiege Troy.
<i>Iliad</i>	Achilles fights for the Greeks against Troy.
story told in <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 4 & 8	Greeks defeat Troy using the Trojan Horse.
stories told in <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 3-4	<i>Nostoi</i> (homecomings) of Greek heroes, including Agamemnon and Menelaus
story told in <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 9-12	Odysseus tries to journey home and encounters the lotus-eaters, the Cyclops Polyphemus, Aeolus, Laestrygonians, Circe, the land of the dead, the Sirens, Scylla & Charybdis, & the cattle of the Sun.
	Odysseus is stranded many years on the island of Calypso.
	[The <i>Odyssey</i> begins by jumping into the middle of things (<i>in medias res</i>).]
<i>Odyssey</i> , Books 1-4	At Athena's prompting, Telemachus leaves home to visit Nestor and Menelaus.
<i>Odyssey</i> , Books 5-8	Calypso releases Odysseus, who sails away and becomes the guest of the Phaeacians.
<i>Odyssey</i> , Books 13-24	Odysseus and Telemachus return home and face the suitors.