

# Introduction to *The Odyssey*

- **Read** “An Introduction to *The Odyssey*” on p. 640-646 in your textbook. As you are reading, **identify** or **define** the following in your notes. Words in bold also appear in bold in your textbook.
  - Homer (Who was he? What did he write? What do we know about him?)
  - **Epic** (definition)
  - **Alter ego** (use context clues to get the definition)
  - **Rhapsodes** (use context clues to get the definition)
  - **Homeric or epic similes** (definition AND example)