

## The Beggar and the Faithful Dog: Close Reading Assignment

*Directions: Read pages 928-929 carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.*

1. In showing us how Odysseus's old dog is kept, what is Homer telling us about conditions in Ithaca?  
**Use a quote from the text to support your answer.**
2. What do you know about the way hosts and guests are supposed to treat each other in this culture?  
How do the actions of Odysseus's countrymen oppose this cultural value?
3. What do lines 768-770 (Odysseus' reaction to seeing his dog) reveal about Odysseus's character?  
Explain your answer.
4. Based on the reading, do you think Argos died happily? **Support your answer using a quote from the text.**
5. What is a possible theme from this section? **Support your answer using a quote from the text.**