

Message in a Bottle **Name:** _____ **Period** _____

This rough draft assignment packet will be due at the end of tomorrow's class. You must complete all areas of the draft packet. This is intended to help you showcase your knowledge of *The Adventures of Ulysses*, as well as review for our mythology test.

Situation: You are the only crewmember on Ulysses's ship to survive the voyage. You went along for the ride, and you have seen many strange things, but now are very worried that you will never make it back to your loved ones in the Americas. You do not have access to a regular mail system, but you are so desperate to get your thoughts out, that you are going to write a letter, and put it in a bottle you have saved to be carried on the ocean currents.

Your letter needs to be at least 250 words long. You need to write from the point of view of the crewmember. Be convincing! Be creative! Have fun! In the letter, you should be specific about at least three of the events that have happened during the voyage. What was it like for you? Were you scared? Brave? What do you feel like at this point?

Format: Your letter should be written in five paragraphs--use the five paragraph essay format. Introduction, problem paragraphs, conclusion/plea for help/final words before you die, etc.

Planning for the letter:

Your crew member name (don't spend more than 3 minutes on this):

Three words to describe the personality traits for your character: (You can have more than three, but you need to somehow reveal these in your letter).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Family member to whom you are addressing the letter:

Describe your relationship with this family member (how do you get along?).

Planning continued:

Introduction (How will you start the letter? At least two sentences):

Problem/Focus for Body Paragraph #1 (Select from pgs. 1-46):

Details to explain this problem:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Other things you might add in this paragraph: _____

Problem/Focus for Body Paragraph #2 (Select from pgs. 47-105):

Details to explain this problem:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Other things you might add in this paragraph: _____

Problem/Focus for Body Paragraph #3 (Select from pgs. 106-172):

Details to explain this problem:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Other things you might add in this paragraph: _____

Ideas for conclusion (How will you end this letter?):

On the following 2 pages you will write out your letter. Your goal is to write as much detail to fill both pages. If you do that you should meet the word length requirement. Write neatly. Your completed rough draft letter is due at the end of class tomorrow.

