The Odyssey vs. O Brother, Where Art Thou?

This comparison lists events and characters in both of the artistic works that correlate with each other.

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| **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** | **The Odyssey** |
|  | Begins with an invocation to the Muse |
|  | Escapes from Calypso and various other monsters |
|  | Odysseus |
|  | Odysseus has a crew |
|  | Teiresias is a blind fortune teller |
|  | Teiresias says Odysseus will take many years to get home |
|  | Takes place around 1200BC |
|  | Circe turns men into pigs |
|  | Lotus Eaters draw in Odysseus’ crew  |
|  | Homer |
|  | Hermes - God of thieves |
|  | Odysseus’ crew killed Helios’ cows, and were smote by Helios |
|  | Sirens draw in men with song in the sea |
|  | Circe turns men into pigs |
|  | Cyclops has one eye |
|  | Cyclops is shepherd of his sheep |
|  | Odysseus and crew anger the Cyclops |
|  | Cyclops kills some of the crew |
|  | Suitors are courting Odysseus’ wife in his absence |
|  | Odysseus was supposedly killed in the war |
|  | Odysseus and his crew hide under the sheep to escape the Cyclops’ lair |
|  | Cyclops is stabbed in the eye |
|  | Odysseus dressed as a beggar to see his wife |
|  | Poseidon is “out to get” Odysseus, and causes trouble for Odysseus throughout his journey home |