

>>>> STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW ➤

Just as Odysseus sent his arrow straight and true through the twelve axes, you can make a straight and true arrow of your own by putting in order the events of the day in Book XXI of The Odyssey. To begin, you will need the following materials:

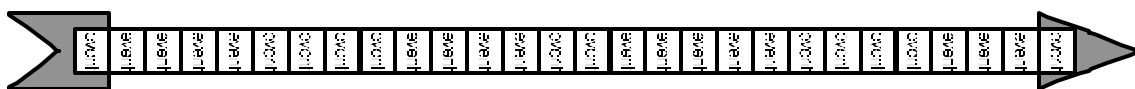
- scissors
- transparent tape
- paste
- one sheet of heavy construction paper

Cut out the patterns for the arrow's point and feathers. Trace these patterns onto the heavy construction paper and cut out around the edges of the tracing.

Cut out each of the squares containing events from Book XXI. Once you have determined that your sequence is correct, tape these events together as indicated.



Paste the point of the arrow to the earliest event, and the feathers to the last event. Fold at the taped edged accordion style and you have a booklet which, when opened up, gives the sequence of events in Book XXI.



A clap of thunder was heard, a sign from Zeus.

All the suitors mocked Odysseus as he handled the bow.

Antinoos decided that they should postpone the contest until offerings could be made to Apollo, the god of archers.

Antinoos mocked Leodes when he said that the bow could break the heart and spirit of many strong men.

Antinoos mocked Odysseus, stating that it must be the wine talking when he asked to try his hand at the bow.

Antinoos mocked the swineherd and the cowherd for crying over Odysseus' weapon.