The Odyssey, the epic poem attributed to **The Odyssey**, is a foundational work of Western literature that explores themes of **nostos (homecoming)**, **xenia (hospitality)**, and the pursuit of identity. Unlike the *Iliad*, it celebrates **metis**—cunning intelligence, adaptability, and resilience—over physical strength.

Through the journey of **Odysseus**, the epic highlights strategic thinking, self-mastery, and endurance, influencing later philosophical traditions, particularly **Stoicism**, which emphasizes wisdom, resilience, and emotional control.

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