

Parallels between "The Odyssey" & "O Brother, Where Art Thou"

Odysseus—Ulysses Everett McGill

- Leader
- Proud (Dapper Dan & hair obsession)
- On a quest (the treasure, then getting his wife back)
- Quick-witted (gets extra \$ for singing)

Pete—Odysseus' crew (mating)

Delmar—Odysseus' crew (foolishness)

George Nelson—Cattle of the Sun God

- Part of Odysseus' crew for a time
- Kills cows
- Gets electrocuted (Zeus' punishment with lightning bolt)

Tommy—Athena (helps them along their way)

Penny—Odysseus' wife, Penelope

- Sets task for Everett (has to get the ring) which is similar to when Penelope makes Odysseus prove his love
- Has suitors, is going to be getting married

Soggy Bottom Boys—beggar's disguise to infiltrate and get wife back

Laundry Ladies—Sirens (turns Pete in for the bounty)

Baptism—Lotus Eaters (all mindlessly following, Odysseus crew follows)

Sheriff—Poseidon (makes journey difficult for Odysseus)

Big Dan Teague—Cyclops

- Huge, beats them up
- Kills some of Odysseus' crew (the frog they think is Pete)
- Nearly gets spike in the eye

Menelaus "Pappy" O Daniel—King Menelaus (Greeks)

- Campaigning against Homer Stokes (Trojans)

Homer Stokes & the Ku Klux Klan—Trojans (lose the "war"—to the Greeks)

- Stokes gets carried out on a mast (seafaring element)

Vernon T. Waldrip—Suitors

- Going to marry Penny

Everett's daughters—Telemachus

- Think their father is dead ("hit by a train")
- Tell Everett about the suitor