VOCABULARY - *The Odyssey*

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the

sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and

write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

Books **I and II**

1. "...tell the story of that man skilled in all ways of contending"

2. "...after he plundered the stronghold on the proud height of Troy"

3. "...that point of time ordained for him to make his voyage home..."

4. "But not by will nor by valor could he save them..."

5. "...I should take steps to make these men disperse."

6. "...He found the criers with clarion voices..."

7. "...and no one had the audacity to answer harshly..."

8. "They(the eagles) wheeled,...wielding their talons, tearing cheeks and throats..."

9. "...and he, the great tactician, joined the rest."

10. "..The double doors were...guarded by Peisinor, in all her duty vigilant and shrewd."

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Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

\_\_\_ 1. contending A. prearranged, predestined

\_\_\_ 2. plundered B. scattered in various directions

\_\_\_ 3. ordained C. handling a weapon or tool

\_\_\_ 4. valor D. boldness or daring

\_\_\_ 5. Dispersed E. striving in battle or controversy

\_\_\_ 6. clarion F. watchfulness

\_\_\_ 7. audacity G. courage and boldness

\_\_\_ 8. wielding H. a person skilled in maneuvering

\_\_\_ 9. tactician I. shrill and clear

\_\_\_ 10. Vigilance J. robbed of goods by force