**Odyssey of Life Writing Assignment Brainstorming Worksheet**

**Step 1**: In the space below, write where you see yourself in ten years. You could write down specific careers that interest you, job fields you might enjoy, or long term, “big deal” goals you may have, like “travel the world to see the Seven Wonders” – but be specific; “become famous” is not a clear enough objective, for example.

**Step 2**: Select your favorite career or goal from the list above and circle it. Then, fill out the columns below. In doing so, you will be attempting to match events from the *Odyssey* to obstacles you expect to face on your journey through the next ten years. The 1st column is where you will be writing what potential obstacles and challenges that await you. In the 2nd column, write an obstacle, challenge, or monster from the *Odyssey* that relates or is similar to the obstacle you listed in column 1. Then, in the 3rd column, briefly explain the connection between your obstacle and the one from the *Odyssey.* Continue on the back if you need more space. You should have **three or more** sets of obstacles to receive credit and begin writing your outline.

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