Symbolism in The Odyssey

**Symbolism:** A concrete representation of abstract ideas that makes those ideas clearer and more accessible to readers.

**Context:** The American flag is a symbol of the United States and its democratic ideals.

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Read the excerpt where Odysseus meets the Sirens, Scylla, and Charybdis.

1. These monsters are often viewed as symbols. What do they symbolize? Explain with detail and use quotes from the story to support your answer.

2. If you were to modernize or personalize what the Sirens, Scylla, and Charybdis represent, what symbol would you use or create?

Draw the symbol and write an explanation of what it symbolizes and why you chose that particular symbol.