*The Odyssey* Vocabulary Activity

Step 1: Look up the definitions of these words in the dictionary and then label the diagram of the ship with the terms:

1. stern
2. rudder
3. weigh anchor
4. sail
5. vessel
6. steering oar
7. mast

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1. Voyage – journey or adventure- The sailor took a long voyage to Calypo’s island.
2. Embark – to board a vehicle for a trip – The pilot told the passengers to embark slowly because of the step.
3. Fleet – a group of ships together – The fleet of ships attacked Persia.
4. Navigated – To move on or around land or water or air – The man navigated through the river on his kayak.
5. Comrade – a friend! Within your organization – Shrek’s comrade was Donkey throughout the journey to find Princess Fiona!
6. Ventured –to travel somewhere that may be dangerous – The man ventured in the unknown wilderness.
7. Peril - serious and immediate danger! - Indian Jones had to escape the peril of the giant boulder.
8. wayfarer –a person who travels on foot – The wayfarer was seen hitching a ride on the side of the road because his car broke down.
9. besieged – to surround a place with armed forces in order to capture it – The soldiers besieged the terrorist’s hidden camp.
10. bade (past tense of bid) – to offer something/ express a greeting – I bid you adieu. He bade her a happy farewell.