

Model Situation

You are the producer for the *Survivor* television series and are working on a show that will star both Odysseus from *The Odyssey* and Everett from *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* Your job is to choose a setting that would provide challenges for both characters. Support your choice of setting with examples from the texts.

Possible Response

The best setting for a *Survivor* series for both Odysseus and Everett would be a shipwreck. Odysseus survives a shipwreck: as Homer states, "Zeus let fly/ a bolt against the ship, a direct hit All that night I drifted" (12. 340-46). In a similar way, Everett survives the flood resulting from a new TVA dam. To escape, Everett, Pete, and Delmar surface and then float away on a coffin.