

Writing Situations for *Running Out of Summer*

Name _____ Date _____

Choose one character from *The Odyssey* and a similar character from *Running Out of Summer* (for example, Odysseus and Nick, or Maria and Penelope, or Sheriff Tanner and the Cyclops), and write the names of the characters below:

_____ and _____

For each situation below, write at least one well-developed paragraph that includes a supporting quotation from each character, using the appropriate MLA documentation:

1. You are buying the characters identical birthday gifts at a 2-for-1 sale. What gift will you buy that they will both most likely appreciate? On what information from the texts do you base your choice?
2. Both of the characters have asked you to help them select a vehicle, with the stipulation that they are identical. What local dealership will you recommend, and what type of vehicle (make and model, if appropriate) should they purchase and why?
3. You have decided to take the two characters to a local eating establishment, and cost is not a concern. Based on what you have read about them, where would they *both* most enjoy eating? On what do you base your choice?
4. You wish to take both characters to a music concert they will *both* enjoy, and your teacher will be glad to purchase advance tickets for you. Where will you go, and on what information from the text do you base your choice?
5. One of the characters has won three tickets to any sporting event in your area and has asked you to make the choice of which one to see. What event would they both most likely enjoy, and on what information from the text do you base your decision?