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Although Odysseus illustrates qualities of arrogant character, in reality, he displays great qualities of leadership. For example, in Part I, Odysseus must convince his men that they have endured greater challenges in order to persuade them to move past Scylla and Charybdis. He states, “ ‘Friends, have we never been in danger before this?/More fearsome, it is now, than when the Cyclops penned us in his cave?’ ” (II. 73-6). This illustrates, that even though he may sound arrogant, he actually tries to encourage his crew. He realizes that major challenges lie ahead; however, encouraging his crew by stating they have previously overcome larger feats, allows for the men to have comfort and confidence as they move ahead.