Due in your Bb Group Discussion Board by midnight on Tuesday, Sept 16

Prompt:
After you have read Books 5-8 of Homer’s *Odyssey*, select ONE passage in which one of the gods influences the actions of a character or the course of the plot in the epic poem. There are several instances in books 5-8 in which the gods’ actions influence the course of events. After citing the book and line numbers of the passage you are going to discuss, the body of your paragraph (5-7 sentences) should address the following:
1. *What*, specifically, does the god do?
2. *Why* does the god act as he or she does? In other words, what is his/her motivation to act?
3. What is this god’s relationship to the character whom he or she influences? Friend or enemy?
4. How do the god’s actions affect the course of the plot?
5. How do they affect a character’s decisions?
6. Speculate about what these scenes tell us about Greek ideas regarding the role of the gods in the lives of mortals.

Your response should be one full paragraph in length (5-7 full sentences), and should include the following information:

Instructions:
1. Your paragraph should begin with a sentence that includes the book and line numbers from Lombardo’s translation of the *Odyssey*. For example, your opening sentence should look like the following in structure (not in content). This is just an example.
   “In book 6 of the *Odyssey*, Homer tells us that Nausicaa urges her friends to be kind and welcoming to the stranger who has washed up on their shores (lines 204-16).”
   *You do not need to cite the actual lines from Homer; this will take up too much space.
2. The rest of your paragraph should contain your response to the prompt.
3. Your response should contain original information, so try to find an example to discuss that has not been selected by a peer who has already posted. If you choose to refer to the same passage as a previous poster, you must say something different from him/her in your interpretation of the lines. If you are going to refer to a previous post, please address your peer by name and refer directly to something he or she has posted.
Grading Rubric:
*keep in mind that each assignment is worth 3% of your final grade for the course!
1. If you follow the instructions above, you will receive full credit (3 points) for the assignment.
2. If your posting is shorter than the required length and is missing some information, you will receive partial credit (1-2 points).
3. If your posting merely repeats the ideas of a previous poster without adding anything original, you will receive no credit (0 points).