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The head of Odysseus – photograph

A bust of Odysseus situated in the town square of Stavros on the Greek island of Ithaca, erected in 1953

Odysseus appears here as a thin, lean yet strong figure, looking firmly into the distance - perhaps out to sea or over his kingdom. The curls in his hair, beard and moustache suggest the water and the waves that characterise Odysseus' life and separate Troy from Ithaca, where this bust stands. He appears fit and well, dressed in a chiton (tunic). Is this the Odysseus who has returned from war in Troy and years of travelling, or a younger man yet to set out on his voyages?

Suggested activities

For teaching ideas see **Using visual representation** and notes for Episode 1.

