

## **Notes on illustration on facing page**

### **Scylla**

*Based on L'Odyssée d'Homère gravée par Reveil d'après les compositions de John Flaxman (Paris, 1835)*

Odysseus had been warned by Circe of the two monsters Scylla and Charybdis. Scylla, darting forth her snaky heads, caught six of Odysseus' men and bore them away shrieking to her den. Odysseus (not shown in this image) was unable to offer any assistance, instead he urged his remaining men to press on, since more men would be taken the longer they delayed. Notice that the 'snaky' heads of Scylla are in fact portrayed with octopus tentacles here, rather than snakes.

### *Suggested activities*

For teaching ideas see notes for Episode 7.

