***The Odyssey* – Invocation**

Sing in me, muse, and through me tell the story _____

of that man skilled in all ways of contending, _____

the wanderer, harried for years on end, _____

after he plundered the stronghold _____

on the proud height of Troy. _____

5 He saw the townlands _____

and learned the minds of many distant men, _____

and weathered many bitter nights and days _____

in his deep heart at sea, while he fought only _____

to save his life, to bring his shipmates home. _____

10 But not by will nor valor could he save them, _____

for their own recklessness destroyed them all – _____

children and fools, they killed and feasted on _____

the cattle of Lord Helios, the Sun, _____

and he who moves all day through heaven _____

15 took from their eyes the dawn of their return. _____

Of these adventures, Muse, daughter of Zeus, _____

tell us in our time, lift the great song again. _____

1. Paraphrase the Invocation on the provided lines.
2. What is the purpose of an invocation? Why would an author choose to include one?