

**Odysseys2sense**  
*Games of Lively Discourse*

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**Guide 1: Startup**

by

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# **Odysseys2Sense: Benefits**

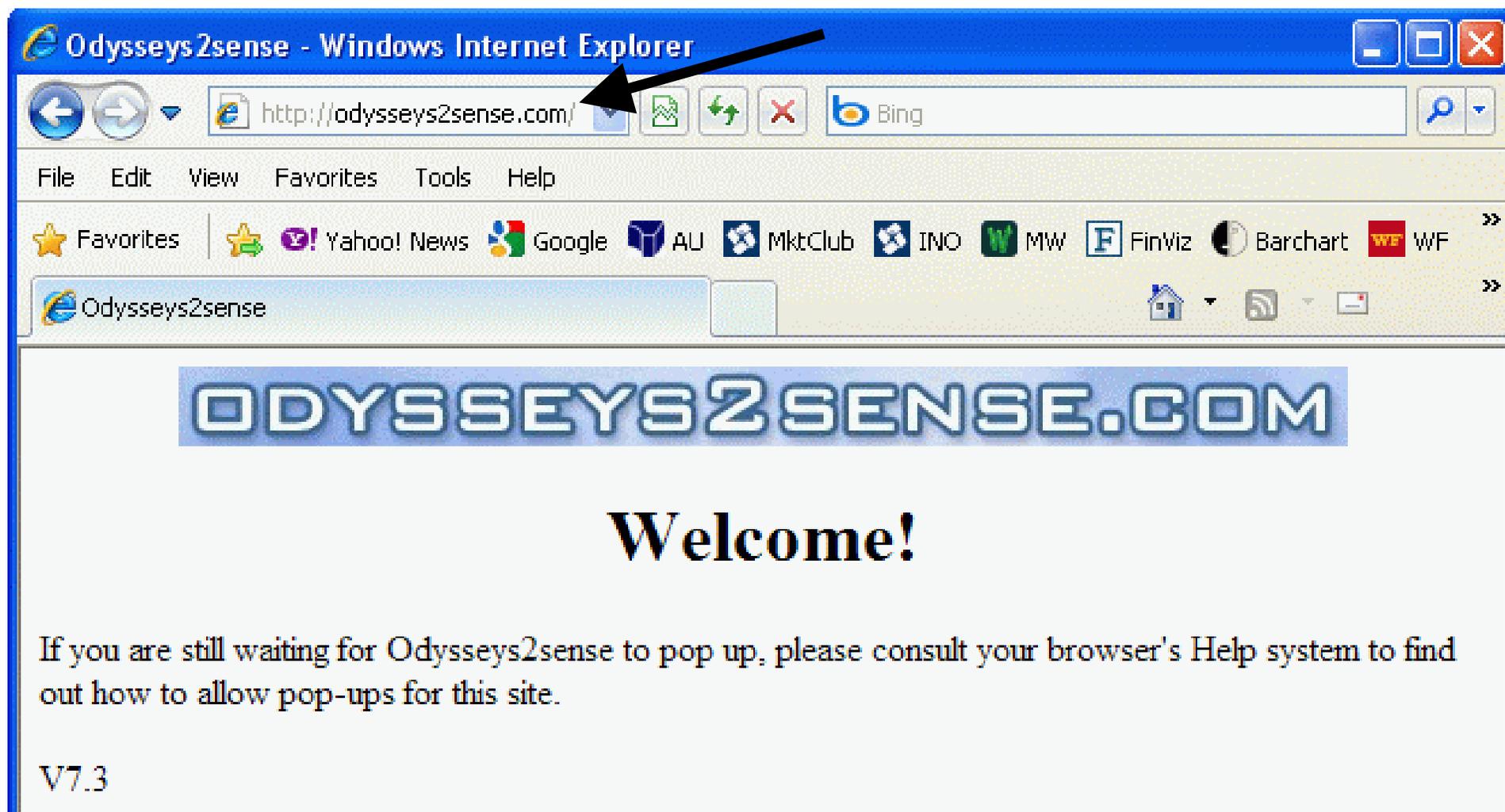
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A web forum to promote productive discourse:

- Encourage honest evaluations without fear of negative feedback participation because all players and posts are anonymous
- Provides immediate feedback
- Provides feedback from multiple reviewers
- Allows you to critique the feedback you get

# Web-access at Odysseys2sense.com

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# Press “Register to Play”

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Odysseys2sense - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar displays the URL: <http://odysseys2sense.com/v7.3/player.php?availHeight=786&screenWidth=1920&screenHeight=1046>. The website header features the "O2S" logo and the text "ODYSSEYS2SENSE Games of lively civil discourse: Compete through cooperation.".

The main content area includes a navigation menu with links for "Help", "FAQs", and "Contact". A large image of a man's face is framed by a hand gesture. To the right, there is a "Sign in here:" section with "Email:" and "Password:" input fields and a "Login" button. Below this is a "Register to play" button with the text "Registration is FREE and private!".

Handwritten annotations in blue ink are present: "What's a game of lively civil discourse?" with an arrow pointing to a question mark icon; "Already registered?" with an arrow pointing to the login form; and "Become a player now!" with an arrow pointing to the "Register to play" button. A large black arrow from the right side of the slide points directly to the "Register to play" button.

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done", "Internet", and "100%" zoom level.

# Your profile

For the most part, this information will not be shared with anyone else. [See privacy policy](#)

## Required fields

Full email address:

Confirm email address:

Password:

Repeat password:

Screen name:

Security question:

Answer to security question:

Email me when another's entry changes my power?  Yes  No

Number of posts paid for:

**Your actual name is optional unless you will be playing Odysseys that require it, such as those for an academic course.**

Given name (first name in US):

Family name, surname (last name in US):

**The rest of this information is optional but allows us to do research and to highlight Odysseys that might interest you.**

Country:

Postal code:

Sex:  F  M

Year of birth (YYYY):



# Sign-In. Press “Login”

**ODYSSEYS2SENSE**  
Games of lively civil discourse: Compete through cooperation.

*What's a game of lively civil discourse?*

**Already registered?**

Sign in here:

Email:

Password:

**Login**

*Become a player now!*

**Registration is FREE and private!**  
Register to play

Navigation menu: Help, FAQs, Contact, ?

The page features a large image of a man's face framed by hands, and a circular image of goldfish at the bottom.

Annotations: A black arrow points from the text "What's a game of lively civil discourse?" to a question mark icon in the navigation menu. Another black arrow points from the text "Become a player now!" to the "Register to play" button.

# Select your Odysseys

Available Odysseys - Mozilla Firefox

odysseys2sense.com/v7.3/listOdysseys.php?playerID=schild@augsburg.edu&odysseyID=&challengeID=

You: **Milo** [Profile](#) Power for all Odysseys: **0** [History](#) paid posts: **10** [Order more](#) | [Log out](#)

## ODYSSEYS2SENSE.COM

[What's a game of lively civil discourse?](#)

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[Enroll to play an Odyssey for which you need a code](#)

Click here to select an Odyssey currently available to you

All challenges (except for linked anonymous contribution you give per website)

- Click here to select an Odyssey currently available to you
- Animal-assisted therapy: AIA Methodology (free)
- Chu: Teaching High School Mathematics
- Copes: Problems in secondary geometry S12
- Copes: Problems in middle-school mathematics S12
- Copes: Issues in teaching secondary geometry S12
- Copes: Issues in teaching middle-school mathematics S12
- O2S: General questions and advice about play (free)
- Presser: Applied Calculus - Spring 2012 (free)
- Statistical Literacy: Augsburg 2012 Spring WEC (free)**
- Statistical Literacy: Augsburg 2011 Summer 1 Course Evaluation (free)
- Statistical Literacy: Augsburg 2011 Summer 1 Article Evaluation (free)
- Statistical Literacy: Augsburg 2011 Fall Day (free)

ning, LLP. Players: By entering an eference to Odysseys2sense. Sources: ning, LLP.



# Select Challenge #1



Odysseys2sense: Choices of Challenges - Windows Internet Explorer

http://odysseys2sense.com/v7.3/listChallenges.php?odysseyID=70&playerID=milo@pro-ns.net&proxy\_state=0

You: **milo** (admin) [Profile](#) Power for this Odyssey 0 [History](#) | [Log out](#) > [Odyssey list](#)

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Odyssey **Statistical Literacy: Augsburg 2012 Spring WEC**

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Welcome to Odysseys: a web-based program that encourages spirited discourse and productive arguments.

**Challenges you can play**

2 [High gas prices drive down traffic fatalities](#)  
1 [How much Math do we need?](#)

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# Read Challenge

## Press “Respond”

You: [Milo Profile](#) | [Log out](#) > [Odyssey list](#) > [Challenge list](#)  
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### Challenge 1: How much Math do we need?

G. B. Ramanathan wrote "[How Much Math Do We Really Need?](#)" in the Washington Post. A copy of this article is also available in Moodle. State whether you agree or disagree with his answer and give your reasons. Deadlines (11 PM): Respond by Friday; Reviews by Saturday; Done/closed by Saturday 11 PM.

Respond

Click the button above to begin writing your response. Then click the Continue button to see posts from other players, which you must review or critique before your response will be saved. Once you click the Continue button, no further changes to your response will be recorded.

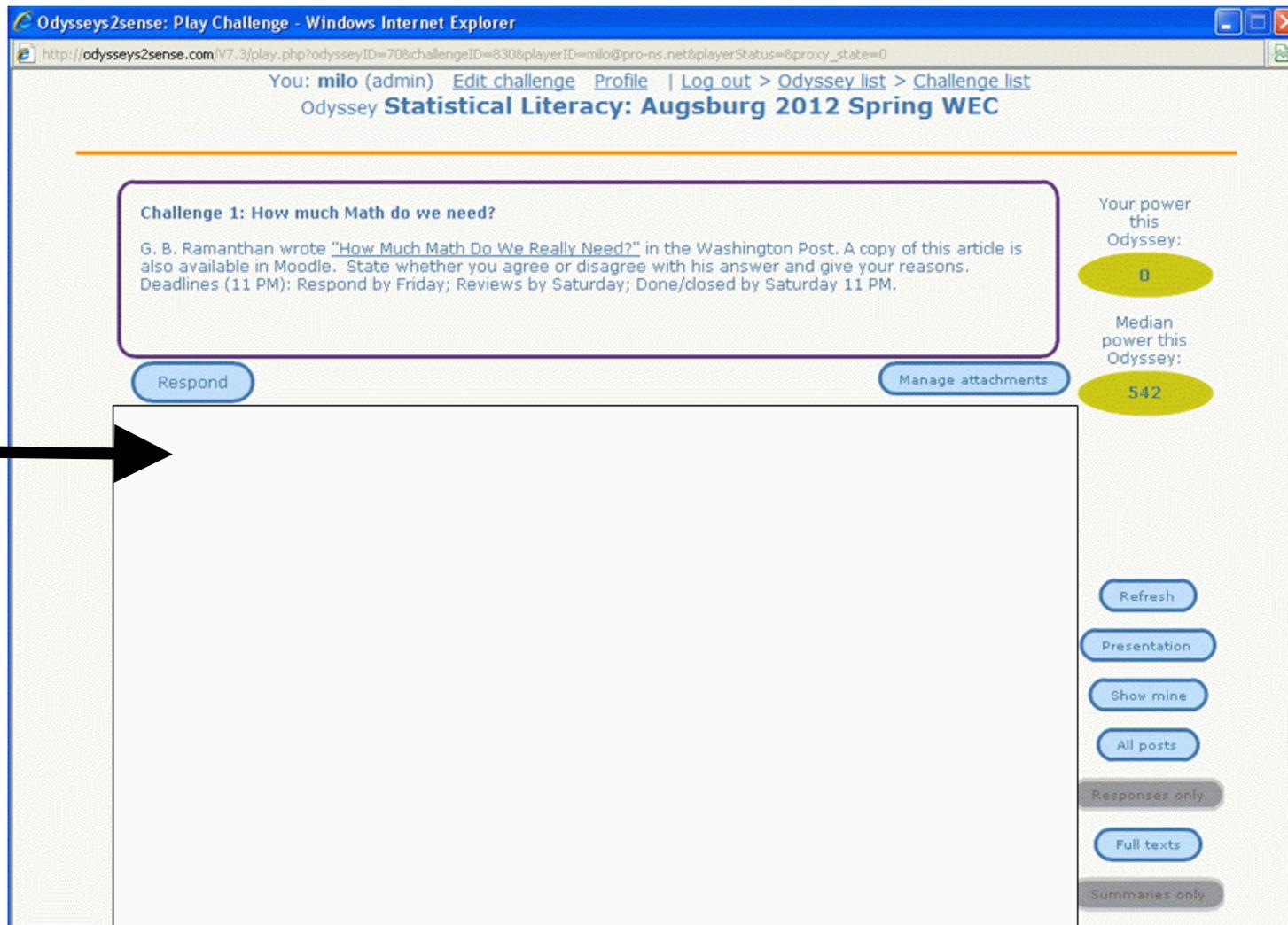
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Odyssey:

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Median  
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Odyssey:

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# Program Opens Textbox



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You: **milo** (admin) [Edit challenge](#) [Profile](#) | [Log out](#) > [Odyssey list](#) > [Challenge list](#)  
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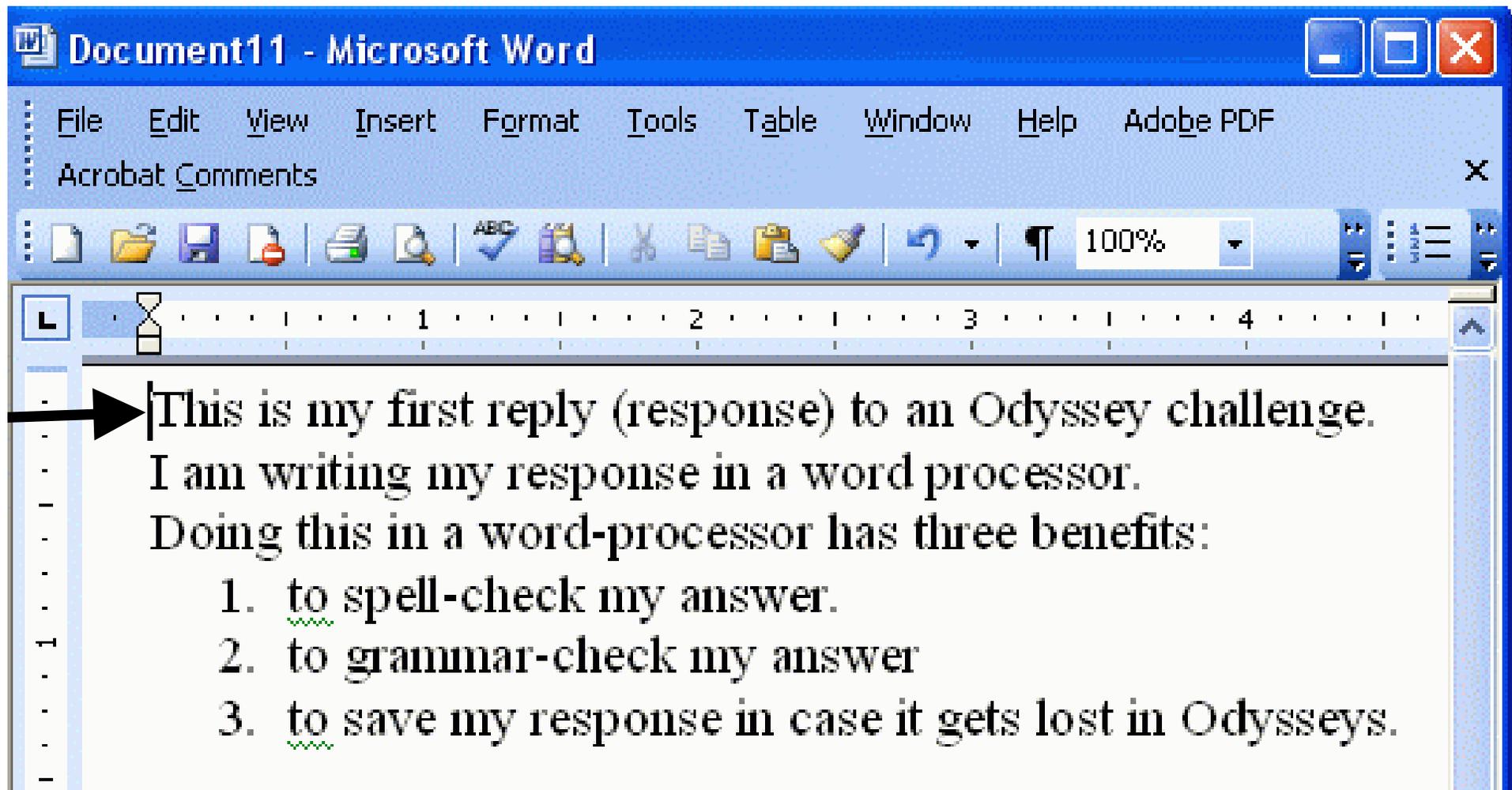
[Respond](#) [Manage attachments](#)

Your power this Odyssey: **0**  
Median power this Odyssey: **542**

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A large black arrow points to a large, empty white rectangular area below the "Respond" button, which is the text input field for the challenge response.

# Compose Your Postings in a Word Processor



# Enter/Copy Your Response; Press “Save Response”

▼ Composing Response to challenge 1: How much Math do we need?

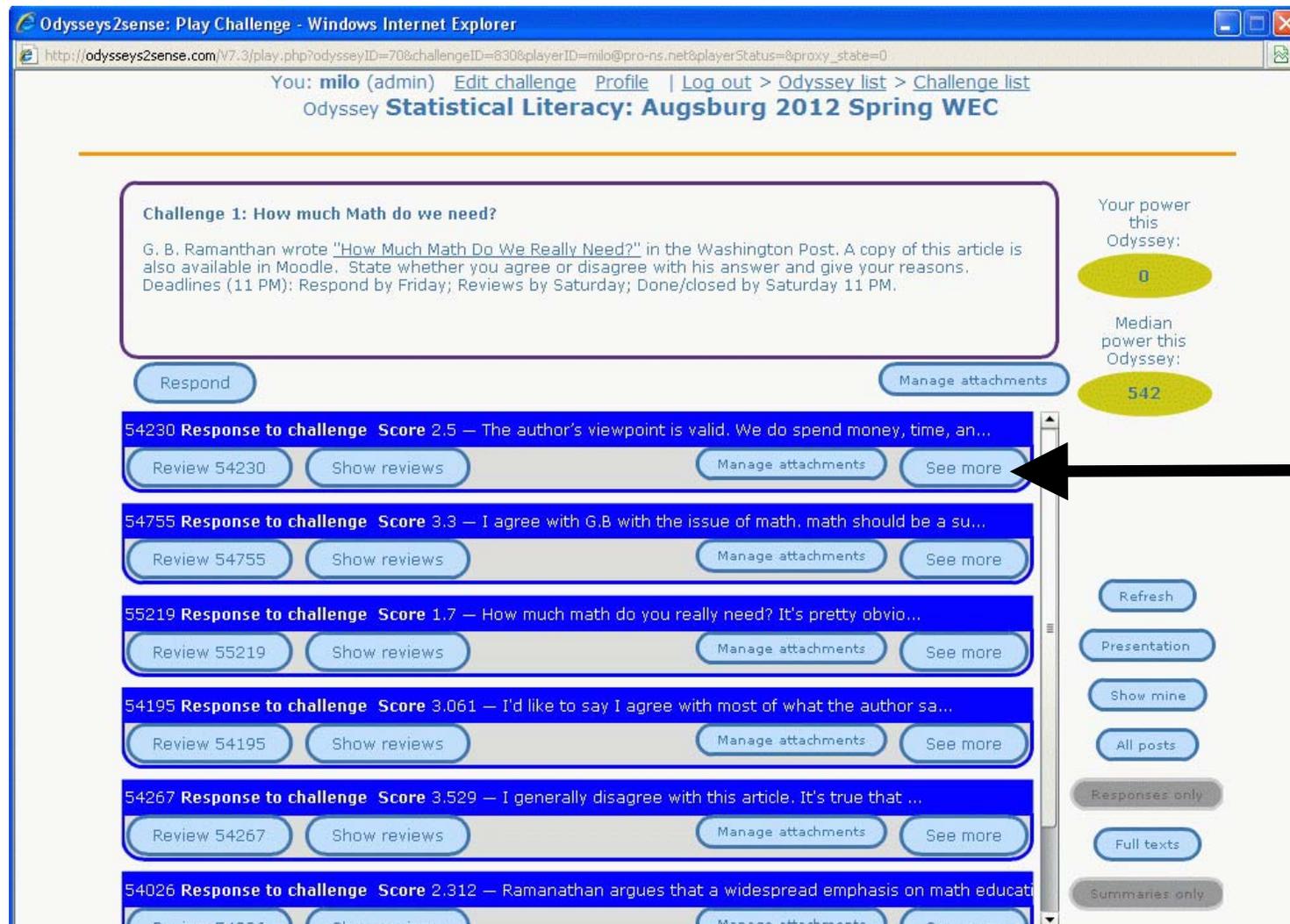
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No attachments

# Review Other Responses: For full text, press “See More”



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[Review 54230](#) [Show reviews](#) [Manage attachments](#) [See more](#)

**54755 Response to challenge Score 3.3** — I agree with G.B with the issue of math. math should be a su...  
[Review 54755](#) [Show reviews](#) [Manage attachments](#) [See more](#)

**55219 Response to challenge Score 1.7** — How much math do you really need? It's pretty obvio...  
[Review 55219](#) [Show reviews](#) [Manage attachments](#) [See more](#)

**54195 Response to challenge Score 3.061** — I'd like to say I agree with most of what the author sa...  
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**54267 Response to challenge Score 3.529** — I generally disagree with this article. It's true that ...  
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**54026 Response to challenge Score 2.312** — Ramanathan argues that a widespread emphasis on math educati...  
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A black arrow points to the "See more" button of the first response (ID 54230).

# Read Player's Response; Press "Review"

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## Review Other Responses: Enter Your Review

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RESPONSE: Enter your response

RATING: Move the triangle-slider above to enter your rating.

# Rate the Player's Response: Press "Save Review"

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Ratings of a **Response** use a simple four-point scale:

- 1 point: doesn't answer the given question, solve the problem, or make a clear claim
- 2 points: answers the question, solves problem, makes a clear claim
- 3 points: same as above, but also explains the solution or defends the claim well
- 4 points: same as 3 points, but goes an extra step: gives another approach, poses good extension questions, etc.

Save review   Cancel review   No attachments   Manage attachments

# Rate a Review or Critique on Accuracy, Helpfulness & Civility

37528 Response to challenge Score 3.35 — This article has made a good point on "How much math do we r...

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37548 Review of 37528 Rating 4 Score 2,2,2

I agree that one could live comfortably with only the basic knowlege of addition, subtaction, multilication and division but i think there are certain tasks in life that involve more than these basic math problems. For instacne anyone who is going shopping and sees that there is 40% off of something they want to buy would need to konw how to do percentages in order to figure out how much they are really going to have to pay or anyone who wants to make a homeade meal for their family will have to know how to read fractions and so on. I think that if we just teach people only the early basics of math, they will regret not knowing more in the future and by that time they will have already given up on math.

Critique 37548 Manage attachments See less

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Percentages and fractions are just a specific example of basic arithmetic.  
I don't see that percentages and fractions are at the same level as Algebra. |

Rate a **Review** or **Critique** using a four-point range:

-2: Very inaccurate, unhelpful or uncivil

-1: Somewhat inaccurate, unhelpful or uncivil

0 Neutral: Generally accurate, helpful & civil [default]

+1: Extra accurate, helpful or civil

+2: Extremely accurate, helpful or civil

# Conclusion

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This should get you started with Odysseys2sense.

Two recommendations:

1. Spend time crafting your initial response. Your ratings depend on the quality of your response.
2. Create your initial response elsewhere (e.g., in MS Word). Spell-check and save your response. Copy and paste your response into Odysseys.