

Book 22 "The Iliad" Study Guide

1. Why does Apollo question the wisdom of Achilles' pursuit? (9-16)
2. What reasons does Priam give in his attempt to convince Hector not to confront Achilles? (47-70)
3. Why is Achilles so angry at Apollo and Hector?
4. What does Hector's mother predict will happen to Hector if he fights Achilles? (98-108)
5. What three options must Hector choose between as he ponders his difficult decision? (lines 119-146)
6. How does Hector respond as Achilles gets close to him? (lines 157-166)
7. What does Homer compare Achilles and Hector to in lines 193-198?
8. Why does Zeus favor Hector in the conflict with Achilles? How does Athena reply to Zeus's suggestion that Hector might be spared from his fate? (200-215)

9. How does Zeus's weighing of Hector's and Achilles' fates foreshadow the ending of the conflict between Achilles and Hector? (246-252)

10. How does Athena trick Hector into agreeing to fight Achilles? (269-292)

11. What does Hector realize once he finds that Deiphobus is not by his side? (349-360)

12. Hector is wearing Achilles' old armor that he had given to Patroclus. How does Achilles wound Hector? (375-390)

13. Hector begs Achilles to return his body to his parents for a proper burial. His plea emphasizes the idea that his soul will never be at rest if his body is not properly buried. How does Achilles respond to Hector's request? How does his response reinforce the rage and bitterness Achilles feels toward Hector? (402-422)

14. What do other Achaeans do to Hector's body after he is killed by Achilles? (440-446)

15. How does the way the body of Hector is treated by Achilles say about Achilles?

16. In lines 509-513, what do you learn about the way Hector was viewed by his fellow Trojans?

17. How does Andromache learn that her husband has been killed? (527-549)

18. What does Andromache predict will happen to her son now that Hector is dead? (571-594)