

## **The Iliad Book 1**

**Under the headings, write a brief description of the character.**

### **The Greeks**

Achilles -

Agamemnon -

Ajax -

Calchas -

Clytemnestra -

Helen -

Menelaus -

Nestor -

Odysseus -

Patroclus –

Athena –

Hera –

### **The Trojans**

Andromache -

Astyanax -

Briseis -

Cassandra –

Chryseis -

Hector -

Hecuba -

Paris -

Priam –

Aphrodite –

Apollo –

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**Neutrals**

Zeus –

Hermes -

**Guided Questions: As you read, answer the questions to help you comprehend the story of the Iliad and to help you study for the test on the Iliad.**

1. The first nine lines of the poem is an invocation. What is an invocation? Who makes the invocation?
2. The beginning of the story is told in flashback. What is a flashback and in what line does the flashback start?
3. What is an epithet?
4. What do lines 29-30 suggest about Agamemnon's character?
5. In lines 44-50 what can you infer about the ways the ancient Greeks worshiped their gods?
6. Which god brought about the plague to the Achaean warriors?
7. Why was this plague brought about?

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8. Whom do you think Calchas is afraid of and why? (88-96)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What is a metaphor and what metaphor is used to describe anger in lines 93-94?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What does Calchas say must occur in order for the Greeks to be released from the plague? (106-117)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What is imagery?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What is the simile in line 121?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What does Agamemnon demand in return for his agreement to send Chryseis back to her father?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What does Agamemnon say that enrages Achilles? What injustices does Achilles see in the proposal? How does this exchange point to the conflict between Agamemnon and Achilles?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. In lines 212-219, Agamemnon threatens Achilles. What is the threat and how do you predict Achilles will respond?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. In lines 243-252, why has Athena arrived to speak with Achilles? What does she advise him to do?

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17. Why does Achilles obey Athena?

18. What does Achilles foreshadow in lines 283-291?

19. What does Nestor advise each of the men to do to settle their dispute?

20. Explain the two metaphors in lines 333-335.

21. In lines 388-398 Agamemnon's aides have arrived to take Briseis from Achilles. Achilles bears no ill will towards the men. What does this say about Achilles' character?

22. In lines 468-475, what does Achilles ask Thetis to do?

23. What does Thetis promise to do for her son Achilles?

24. In lines 477-482, what fate does the future hold for Achilles?

25. In the scene between Achilles and his mother, Thetis, there is a flashback to an earlier time when Thetis helped defend Zeus. What purpose does this flashback serve?