

KEY TERMS :: THE TROJAN WAR

“doublets”

Homer (eighth century BCE)

Ovid (3/20/63 BCE–17 CE)

Major Myths

1. Prelude to War
 1. Construction of Troy (Laomedon’s Frauds)
 2. Marriage of Peleus and Thetis
 3. [Judgement of Paris]
 4. Oath of Tyndareus & Abduction of Helen
 5. The Gathering of the Greeks
 1. Odysseus’ Ruse Revealed
 2. Achilles on Scyron
 3. Mysian Misadventure
 4. Sacrifice of Iphigeneia at Aulis
2. The War at Troy
 1. Odysseus’ vengeance on Palademes
 2. Troilus & Cressida
 3. The Wrath of Achilles & Death of Hector (*Iliad*)
 4. The Death of Penthesilea & Memnon
 5. The Death of Achilles
 6. The Judgment of Arms & Ajax’s suicide
 7. The Prophecies (Neoptolemus, Palladium, Philoctetes)
 8. The Trojan Horse and the Fall of Troy
3. The Aftermath
 1. Sacrilege at Troy (Rape of Cassandra, slaughter of Priam, sacrifice of Polyxena, murder of Astyanax)
 2. The Returns (“Nostoi”)

Important Places

Troy & Troad
 Sparta
 Mycenae
 Aulis
 Ithaca
 Scyros
 Lemnos

Major Greek Figures

1. Agamemnon (+ Clytemnestra)
2. Menelaus (+ Helen)
3. Achilles (& Patroclus)
4. Odysseus (+Penelope)
5. Ajax (Greater or Telemonian)
6. Diomedes
7. Calchas

8. Nestor
9. Palamedes
10. Troilus (+ Cressida)

Major Trojan Figures

1. Priam (+ Hecuba)
2. Hector (+ Andromache, ≠ Andromeda)
3. Paris (+ Helen)
4. Aeneas (+ Creusa)
5. Troilus
6. Helenus

Parentage of the Greek Heroes

Atreus + Aerope ⇨ Agamemnon & Menelaus
Peleus + Thetis ⇨ Achilles
Laertes + Anticleia ⇨ Odysseus
 Telemon ⇨ Ajax (Greater or Telemonian)
Tydeus + Deipyle ⇨ Diomedes
 Neleus + Chloris ⇨ Nestor

Royal House of Troy

Teucer ⇨ Batea + Dardanus ⇨ Erichthonius (not the Athenian) ⇨ Tros ⇨ Ilus & Assaracus

Ilus ⇨ Laomedon ⇨ Priam

Priam + Hecuba ⇨ Hector, Paris,
Cassandra, Polyxena (many more)

Assaracus ⇨ Capys ⇨ Anchises

Anchises + Aphrodite ⇨ Aeneas

(*Hector and Aeneas are Third Cousins*)

KEY: ||, equivalent name in Greek & Roman myth; ⇨, “parent of”; underlined parents or offspring are significant; *italicized*, indicates historical figures; **bold italicized** indicates authors read for this assignment.