

Western World Literature I:

The Epic of Troy

Final Exam Study Guide

Short answer questions (Part I):

- What is the modern term, used especially in archaeology, for the territory of Ilium?
- What is an elaborate story, typically comprised of several distinctive parts or branches?
- Who was the king of Troy killed by Heracles?
- Who was the sister of Helen?
- Who was the son of Strophius the Phocian and husband of Electra?
- Who was the inspired craftsman of the Argive horse?
- What are phenomena that require prophetic interpretation?
- Who was the father of Great Ajax?
- Who was the son of Deidamia of Scyros?
- Who was the son of Hesione and, therefore, cousin of Paris?
- In Euripides's *Electra*, how is Orestes identified by his former tutor?
- Who is the son of Cronus who married his sister?
- Who was the father of Clytemnestra?
- Who was (apparently) sacrificed to Artemis?
- Who was the father of Little Ajax?
- Who is the Olympian wife and mother of Hephaestus and Ares?
- Who was the son of Menoetius and companion of Achilles?
- Who was urged by Apollo to kill his mother?
- In Shakespeare, who is the daughter of Calchas?
- What is the mountain (or mountain range) close to Troy?
- Who was the Trojan priest and alleged author of an eye-witness account of the Trojan War?
- Who was the Achaean who refused to divulge truth under torture?
- Who was the Ethiopian son of Tithonus?
- By what name was the son of Laertes known to Romans?
- What is the collective name for Great and Little Ajax?
- Of what wood was Achilles's spear made?
- What is the name of the river god that Achilles fought?
- What Olympian artisan made a celebrated shield for Achilles?
- Who was the Lycian son of Zeus that was killed in the *Iliad*?
- Who are the Dioscuri?
- What is the Greek term for overbearing pride or presumption?
- Who is the Queen of the Dawn?
- Who is the Olympian god that was speared by Diomedes?
- What are the names of Achilles's brothers and sisters? ;)
- What Greek dramatist was made a general in the Athenian army?
- Who is punished in Tartarus for serving flesh food to the gods?
- Who was the Queen of Sparta?
- What young and ambitious Trojan warrior lost his head and volunteered to enter the Achaean camp as a spy?
- Who was the son of Tydeus in the *Iliad*?
- Who was the vengeful sister of Orestes?
- Who was the second Trojan husband of Helen?
- What is the ancient method, used in the *Iliad*, of assisting chance in making a determination?
- Over what city was Atreus king?
- Who, in Euripides, is the *elected* commander over the Achaean army?
- What island off the coast of Ilium concealed the Achaean fleet from Trojan eyes?

- What is the title of the oldest surviving epic song of the Trojan War?
- Who was the heroic prince of Troy, son of Priam and Hecuba, killed in the Cypria, but referred to in the *Iliad* as having been a passionate horseman?
- What was the name of the bronze-age city that has been excavated in the Troad?
- Who was the loud-mouthed cousin of Diomedes, killed by Achilles?
- What was the name of the cthonic and pre-Olympian forces of justice that were converted into Eumenides?
- Who was the spear-won wife of Great Ajax?
- Who was the youngest prince of Troy?
- Who was the Olympian god that was cheated by Laomedon and, in retaliation, sent a sea monster to terrorize his city?
- Who, in Sophocles, was the practical sister of Electra?
- Who was the grandson of Aeacus and cousin of Great Ajax?
- Who was the king of Sparta?
- What Achaean warlord does Aeschylus have Agamemnon praise above all others?
- Who was the mother of Astyanax?
- Who was the mother of Molossus?
- Who was the Trojan prophetess of Apollo that was killed in Mycenae?
- Who was the warrior princess killed by Achilles?
- Who was the descendant of Dardanus that was destined to rebuild Troy?
- What is the patronym for Diomedes?
- Who was the Cretan author of an alleged eye-witness account of the Trojan War?
- Who is the Olympian god of the Underworld?
- What did Achilles refuse to do until he avenged the death of his companion?
- Who was the mountain-nymph wife of Paris?
- What was the name of the river south of the Simois River?
- What is the name of that which neither mortals nor immortals can escape?
- Who was the Trojan whose house in Troy was deliberately passed over by the Achaeans?
- Who was the descendant of Dardanus from whom Ilium received its name?
- Who are Hera's conspirators, in the *Iliad*, in her elaborate scheme to wrest control of the war temporarily from Zeus?
- Who is the Athenian author of the only surviving dramatic trilogy from classical Greece?
- Who was the son of Priam who was killed by Achilles while wearing Achilles's armor?
- Who was the Olympian god that escorted Priam to Achilles's tent?
- What is the name of the Underworld river in which Thetis is supposed to have immersed her son?
- Who was the Trojan who infamously violated the guest/host pact?
- Who was, in Quintus of Smyrna, the first bard to sing the exploits of Achilles?
- Who was the daughter of Hecuba that was sacrificed on Achilles's barrow?
- In the temple of what Olympian god was Neoptolemus killed?
- What are *sapientia*?
- At what Aegean port did the Achaean armada assemble before leaving to Ilium?
- If you were going to the palace of Eos, in what direction would you travel?
- What are the Nereids?
- Who was deserted on Lemnos by the Atridae and Odysseus?
- What are the names of Achilles's immortal horses?
- What is the territory called in which the Trojan War was fought?
- To what clan of warriors did Penthesileia belong?
- Who was the wise Trojan whose sons were devoured by a sea-serpent?
- What bird is a bird of significance in Homer?
- What term is, in the *Iliad*, synonymous with "Achaeans" and "Argives"?
- Who was the Old Man of the Sea and father of sea nymphs?
- What was the name of the archer who was Great Ajax's half-brother?
- Who was the descendant of Dardanus from whom Troy received its name?

Consider the following essay questions (Part II):

1. Arrange the Greek dramas we've read in narrative order, identify what (if any) part of the Epic Cycle they belong to, and explain how each of these dramas add to, take from, or otherwise alter the tradition given by Homer or Quintus of Smyrna.
2. Write an essay titled "The Children of Homer's Heroes," making use of all the pertinent texts we've read.
3. Identify the three strongest and the three weakest women that appear in the readings for this course, and then explain your selection.
4. Write an essay on the critique of Homeric religion by Aeschylus and Euripides.
5. Write an essay comparing and contrasting Shakespeare's and Euripides's critique of society.

NOTE!

The Final Exam will be given in our regular classroom on
Tuesday morning, May 17, from 8:00 to 10:00