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DIVINE CRAFT --

The First Model of Western Culture

Here, where an Analysis has been worked out, you may wish to check it by COMPARISON with what you marked in the margins of the poem and in your own analysis earlier in the workbook.

MAIN POINTS MARKED: <u>Who? Where? When? What? Why? How?</u>	Line Numbers			
AMONG MEN, end of second day's fighting on field between Camp & City[1-355]				
In Achilleus' shelter,				
he learns of Patroklos' death; [1-242] he determines to kill Hektor for honor & to die;				
Thetis promises new gear to replace what Patroklos lost. Moving to moat, Achilleus gives out war-cry	1-148			
that breaks Trojan tide, Patroklos' body rescued.	149-242			
In Trojan army,				
Poulydamas councils withdrawal to city,				
Hektor imposes bivouac on plain next to Achaian camp.	243-314			
Back in Achaian camp, Achilleus aches for Patroklos.	314-55			
<u>AMONG THE GODS</u> <u>Olympus</u> .	356-616			
Zeus reproves Hera for stirring Achilleus to action.	356-67			
CHEZ Hephaistos:	368-616			
The blacksmith washes up to greet the lady:				
Thetis pleads for a favor.				
Mindful of her past help, Hephaistos promises				
"work to wonder at"				
though it can't keep Achilleus from death.	368-467			
MAKING NEW GEAR for Achilleus	468-616			
The blacksmith gears up for the job.	(468-77)			

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THE SHIELD first of all: [brackets show implied divisions] [COSMOS:] earth, heaven, sea, regular sun, waxing moon, constellations [daily & seasonal time used to farm & navigate	478-607			
in agricultural & maritime culture]	483-89			
[HUMANITY civilized life, joining urban & rural in one system]: City: 490-540	490-605			
<u>One city</u> in peacetime	491-508			
[by night] weddings, feasting, dancing, music	491-496			
[by day] market, court dispute over murder	497-508			
Another city at war				
Siege & sack vs ransom; defense & foray, herdsmen ambu	ished,			
fray on field	509-40			
[Country:]	541-89			
[Agriculture: seasonal work in field & vineyard, georgic life]	541-72			
PLOWING, wine drunk, furrows turned HARVEST of grain: mowing, binding;	541-49			
king oversees, offers banquet in shade; women cook 550-60 GRAPES picked by boys & girls, wine made,				
harpist singing of desire 561				
[Pastoral sector : work in pasture & range]	573-89			
Cattle-herding, attack by lions [wild nature]	573-86			
Sheep-herding settlement at furthest remove from town	587-89			
Dance [themes picked up from City & Country]				
Boys, girls, desire, harvest, wedding, music	590-605			
OCEAN stream round rim.				
REST of the GEAR 608-16				

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FATHER'S QUEST --

Mapping Priam's Ins and Outs

The following analysis marks off four main divisions in the action of the book, clearly showing subdivisions as well. You may want to make still more subdivisions, especially in lines 188-321 (Priam prepares). You might argue, too, that lines 1-188 form one main division (Achilleus' excess & Zeus' corrective to it). *PLEASE CORRECT YOUR VERSIONS WHERE THEY WENT ASTRAY!*

Line Numbers		MAIN POINTS to be MARKED: <u>Who? Where? When? What? Why? How?</u>	
<u>(1)</u>	1-21: At Achilleus' quarters by the sea he mourns Patroklos, insults Hektor's corpse.		
<u>(∠)</u>	22-187:	Gods intervene to limit the wrath of Achilleus & grief of Priam	

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22-76: On Olympus, Apollo & Hera quarrel, Zeus mediates: ransom for Hektor's body.

- 77-187: Conveying the will of Zeus to resolve the conflict
 - 77-119: Thetis summoned from the depths of the sea.
 - 120-140: Thetis sent by Zeus to bring Achilleus to reason.
 - 141-187: Iris sent to prompt Priam to offer ransom for Hektor.

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188-691: Priam goes to the enemy & returns

188-467: Priam's initiative

- 188-321: Priam prepares to leave Troy to go to ransom Hektor.
- 322-467: Priam's journey from Troy
 - across the field to Achilleus' quarters with Hermes' help.
- 468-691: Priam in Achilleus' quarters
 - 468-595: encounter & exchange
 - 468-506: Priam to Achilleus: kissing hands that killed sons.
 - 507-551: Achilleus to Priam: mourning friend & aged father. 552-595: The corpse ransomed.
 - 596-676: Hospitality & palaver, truce sought & granted, rest.
 - 677-691: Hermes precipitates & guides the return to Troy.

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692-804: Return & final farewell

- 692-706: Hektor & Priam sighted by Kassandra.
- 707-775: Mourning Hektor.
 - 707-722: Preparing the wake.
 - 723-746: Andromache laments,
 - "city will be sacked."
 - 747-760: Hekabe laments, "of all my sons the dearest."
 - 761-775: Third Helen, "never a harsh saying from you."
- 776-804: Burying Hektor.

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TOTAL RECKONING --

All the Days of Achilleus' Rage

Books & Lines	total Days	[===> arrow shows direction that Tide of Battle runs] Separate Days [Happenings]
1	22	9 + 1 + 12 [plague, corpses burn, gods feast]
2-7.380 7.381-end	2	 [Camp ===> City: Achaians push out competition on field] [Camp <=== City: Trojans push back, Greeks make <{_{MOAT}}>]
8, 9, 10	1	+ night [Camp <u><===</u> City: Agamemnon's Fear]
11-18	3	<pre>1 [Camp <== ==> City: Hektor pushes, Patroklos pushes back, killed]</pre>
19-23.107	1	<pre>1 [Camp ===> City: Achilleus kills Hektor]</pre>
23.108-225 23.226-end	2	 [corpse burned] [funerary honors competition in camp]
24	22	9 + 1 + 12 [corpse mutilated / burned with honor: men feast]
	53	Total of days elapsed in the <u>lliad</u>

Describe what Thetis and Zeus do in Books 1 & 24: _____

In what ways are the actions similar?

In what ways do the actions differ?