

Homer [ca 750 BCE], *Iliad*, Books 3 & 6

Epic [tragic plot]

Contrast in the City --

Lovers vs Father, Mother, Son

I. READ Book 3 of the *Iliad* by Homer (Lattimore trans.).

MAKE a SAMPLE ANALYSIS: check the divisions & points shown below against what you find while you are reading:

MARK in the **MARGINS** of your book the main divisions, places & names, & points of action & theme; **underline main names & themes** in the text:

FILL blanks **in workbook** with appropriate points.

Line Numbers MAIN POINTS to be MARKED: Who? Where? When? What? Why? How?

[1-380]: on field & wall: Alexandros [a. k. a. Paris] vs Menelaos, Helen & Priam

1-120: _____

121-244: _____

245-380: _____

380-446: [Where? Why? What?] _____

447-461: _____

STUDY QUESTIONS: answer **very briefly & succinctly** the following:

1) WHAT [**The Action**]: SUM UP in ONE SENTENCE of no more than 30 words what happens in the book. _____

2) WHO: name & briefly explain the importance of the main **NEW** CHARACTERS that come to the fore in this book:

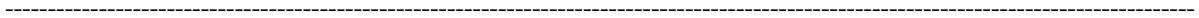
Olympian _____

Greek _____

Trojan _____

3) WHERE? main places where the action occurs and, in a word or two, what takes place in each:

4) WHY? Why is there a war on according to this book? _____



II. READ Book 6 of the Iliad by Homer (Lattimore trans.).

MAKE your **analysis**, **MARK margins**, **FILL in blanks** as before.

Line Numbers MAIN POINTS to be MARKED: Who? Where? When? What? Why? How?

[1-236]: _____

 1-118: _____

 119-236: _____

[237-502]: _____

 [237-311]: _____

 237-285: _____

 286-311: _____

 312-368: _____

 369-502: _____

583-529: _____

STUDY QUESTIONS: answer **very briefly & succinctly** the following:

1) **WHAT [The Action]:** Using only ONE SENTENCE, sum up what happens in this book.

2) **WHO:** name & briefly explain the importance of the main **NEW** CHARACTERS that come to the fore in this book: _____

3) **WHERE?** the main places where the action occurs and, in a word or two, what takes place in each _____

4) **WHAT** does this book add to your understanding of . . .

Helen _____

Why heroes fight _____

What is at stake in the war _____

Women, their interests & values (compare with what you see of women in books 1 & 3)

How women's interests and values differ from those of men? _____
