Book 1

Why are the first 8 lines of The Iliad so important?

Explains mood of the whole epic

Rage of Achilles

The Fate of Troy- It will fall

What are the important themes of the Iliad?

Rage of Achilles

Consequences of Achilles rage

The will of Zeus

What is the source of Achilles’ rage?

Agamemnon- had Chryseis (Apollo’s priest’s daughter) battle prize

Achilles- took Briseis

What is the Greek Heroic Code?

How was the world created? just appeared

How was man created? They were an afterthought of the gods

What is man? nothing more than a plaything for the gods

What happens to a person after death? all men, regardless of actions while living

Where does man’s value come from? The Greeks were left to create their own value system, not revealed to them by the gods.

The greek man longed to be immortal.

The Greeks sought immortality of name. Thus, reputation was important.

How do you make your name immortal?

Courage on the battlefield

Physical abilities in an impressive fashion

Status/ wealth

Good advice/ speak well

What did the Greek man want to ensure that his name would remain immortal?

Kleos- Glory everlasting

Commit heroic deeds name would live forever in song and story.

Timh- honor, physical

More timh= more kleos

Reputation is more important than life, family, community

Book 2

What leadership skills does Agamemnon possess?

Insults the greatest warrior… leaves battle

Rash/ short-sighted, impulsive, emo

Which leadership skills does Agamemnon lack?

Won’t listen to advice

Agamemnon as a leader… good? bad?

He is too obsessed with power/ position

Who is the hero of book 2? why?

Odysseus and Nestor

Book 3

What are the character traits of:

Hector

1)Great warrior, holds Paris accountable, firm leader

2)Concerned with honor

 a)Paris

 1) Cocky warrior; coward; beautiful

 b)Priam

 1) Just there…

 c)Helen

 1) Does not love Paris anymore, she longs to be back with her husband, Menelaos

How does Hector persuade Paris to fight?

She taunts him and tries to make him mad.

What is the purpose of the duel? What is at stake?

to see who gets Helen and all of her wealth

their lives

What roles do the gods play in Book 3?

How does Homer portray the Trojans?

How does the scene between Helen and Paris illustrate the frivloity of war?

They are fighting over a love that was never real and is not felt anymore.

Book 4

How is the truce broken?

Athena convinces Panderus ( tempts with kleos) to shoot Menelaus, he shoots Menelaus, but Athena then moves the arrow to barely wound Menelaus’s thigh.

Panderus: only in book 4 and 5- Trojan sharpshooter/ archer

Book 5

What is the purpose of Diomedes’ rampage in book 5?

Athena “activates” Diomedes with courage and kleos. He ends up very foolish.

Armed in glory by Athena

Kills/ wounds many famous warriors: Panderus (kills), Aeneas (wounds)

Wounded but not killed, Panderus shoots him

Amazing display of physical ability

Given the ability to see gods/ goddesses

Fights and wounds 3 gods (Aphrodite)... Apollo takes her place

Diomedes’ aristea: moment of glory as a soldier

Aristea: moment of excellence/ glory

Book 6

What is important about the battlefield interactions at the beginning of the book 6?

How does Homer depict the Trojans- particularly Hector?

Is Hector more noble than Agamemnon or Achilles?

What role does our knowledge of the fate of Troy play in our reading of book 6?

Book 8-

The tide turns

Book 9

* Only chance for immortality: Name
* Timh’

 Physical representation of honor

 kleos- what others say about you.

3 ways to accept fate:

1. Serpedon

 i. go all out; gain kleos

2. Achilles

 i. What is the point of timh’ and kleos, if we all die.

3. Diomedes & Hector

 i. Try to change/ ignore fate

\*Why is it so difficult to admit wrong and confess under the Greek Heroic Code

\* the fixed doom of Troy- Troy WILL fall…

Embassy reaches Achilles, he refuses to fight until the fire reaches his ships

Book 10- Spy mission

Book 11- Many Greeks are wounded- low morale

Book 12- the Trojans break through the wall

1. Sarpedon- Zeus’s son

 i. Makes a hole in the wall

II. Speech is the best picture of the Greed Heroic Code

Book 1: 10 days

Books 2-7: 1 Day of battle

Books 8-10: Next Day

Book 11-18: One Day

Number 6: Thematic halfway point. Achilles rage will eventually cause him to reenter the fight.