

Read Books III-IV of Virgil's *Aeneid* and answer the following questions¹:

Book Three

1. In lines 189-199, what omens indicate that Crete is not the place for Aeneas and his followers to settle?

2. What do we find out about Hector's widow, Andromache?

3. Helenus gives Aeneas a lengthy prophecy. His instructions include an exhortation to see the prophetess in Italy. What does he say she will tell Aeneas about?

¹ Some of the material from the questions comes from Wes Callihan, *A Study Guide To The Great Books: Virgil's Aeneid* (Lancaster PA: Veritas Press, 2000) 5-8.

4. What travails does Aeneas endure that are similar to Odysseus?

Book Four

1. How was Carthage affected by Dido's infatuation with Aeneas (lines 121-136)?

2. Why does Dido think that she is married to Aeneas in lines 467-468? What is Aeneas' view of this matter?

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3. Why does Aeneas abandon Dido?

4. Do you think he is right in leaving her? Why? Do you think he still loves her (lines 546-590)?

5. What does the episode with Dido tell us about the character of Aeneas? What is he most devoted to?