

Read Books XXI-XXIV of the *Iliad* and answer the following questions:<sup>1</sup>

Book 21

1. What do we learn in this book about Achilles's state of mind? What are his intentions? How successful do you think he will be in carrying them out?

Book 22

1. Who makes speeches before Hector? What do they say?

2. Hector makes a long speech in lines 99-130. What is going to make Hector go out and fight?

3. In line 158, how are Achilles and Hector compared?

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<sup>1</sup> Some questions are taken from Wes Callihan. *A Guide To The Great Books: Homer's Iliad* (Lancaster, PA: Veritas Press, 2009) 77-80. Others are taken from Peter J. Leithart. *Heroes of the City of Men* (Moscow, ID: Canon Press, 1999) 134-145.

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4. How does Andromache hear of Hector's death? What does she predict of her future and her son's?

Book 23

1. What is involved in the funeral rites of Patroclus?

2. What kinds of games take place at the funeral? What is the purpose for these games?

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Book 24

1. How has Achilles been treating Hector's body? What does this say about Achilles' continuing state of mind?

2. How does Priam get to Achilles' camp?

3. What does Priam do that finally causes Achilles to be sympathetically disposed toward him and restore Hector's body to him?

4. How does the poem end? What do you suspect will be the resolution of the war?

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