

Iliad Study Questions

Books 6, 9, 16

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Read Books 6, 9, and 16 of the *Iliad* and answer the following questions:

Book 6

1. Describe the scene that takes place with Diomedes and Glaucos as the main characters (lines 119-237).

2. Describe the differences in the character of Hektor and the character of Paris.

Book 9

1. How does Agamemnon try to motivate Achilles to return to battle?

2. What kind of problems may be present with Agamemnon's strategy?

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3. How does Achilles react to the speeches of his friends?

4. What resolution does this bring to the conflict that began between Agamemnon and Achilles in Book 1?

Book 16

1. What restrictions does Achilles put on Patroclus before he lets him go out into battle? How well does Patroclus obey?

2. How does Achilles pray to Zeus in lines 246-247? How does Zeus answer?

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3. What is the significance of Patroclus killing Sarpedon?

4. Consider who killed Patroclus , whose friend he was, and how the entire next book is devoted to the struggle to recover the body of Patroclus. What do you think Homer is saying about the role of Patroclus and his importance to the story?