



# THE TROJAN HORSE



Many, many years ago there was a war between the Greeks and the Trojans. The Greek ships sailed up to the city of Troy. When the Trojans saw the Greek ships, they closed the gates of their city and stayed behind the walls. The Greeks attacked the city many times, but could not take it. Then one of the Greeks thought of a plan. The Greeks made a big wooden horse, and the leaders of the Greek army hid inside the horse. In the morning the Greeks burned their camp and sailed away. Only the big wooden horse remained in front of the gates.

But the Greek ships did not sail far. The Greeks stopped at a place near Troy, where the Trojans could not see them, and hid their ships. At first the Trojans wanted to burn the wooden horse, but a Greek prisoner said, "Don't burn the horse. Bring it into Troy. It will help you". The horse was very big, and the Trojans could not bring it in through the gates. They had to make a hole in the wall. Then they had to bring the wooden horse into the city.

The next day was a holiday in Troy. At night all the Trojan soldiers fell asleep.

The Greek ships came back to Troy in the night. When everything was quiet, the leaders of the Greek soldiers came out of the wooden horse and opened the gates of the city. The Greek army was near Troy. The Greek soldiers came into the city, killed very many Trojans and took the city.

## A) Give yes/no answers.

- 1) Did the Greek ships sail up to the city of Troy?
- 2) Did the leaders of the Trojans army hid inside the horse?
- 3) The big wooden house remained in front of the gates, didn't it?
- 4) At first the Trojans wanted to burn the wooden horse, didn't they?
- 5) Did the Greeks open the gates of Troy?



## B) Complete the sentences according to the text.

1. When the Trojans saw the Greek ships, they...
2. The Greeks attacked the city many times, but..
3. In the morning the Greeks burned...
4. Then they had to bring the wooden...
5. When everything was quiet, the leaders of...
6. The Greek soldiers came into the city and...



## C) Choose the right ending of the sentences.

- 1) Many years ago there was a war between the Greeks
  - a) and the Trojans;
  - b) and the Americans;
  - c) and the Vikings.
- 2) The Greeks made a big wooden
  - a) house;
  - b) horse;
  - c) table.
- 3) The Greeks had to make
  - a) a wooden door;
  - b) a holiday cake;
  - c) a hole in the wall.
- 4) The Greek soldiers
  - a) burned the horse;
  - b) took the city;
  - c) couldn't take the city.



## D) Put the sentences into the correct order.

1. The Greek ships were not far from Troy.
2. The Trojans did not burn the horse.
3. The Greeks attacked Troy many times.
4. The Trojan soldiers fell asleep at night after the holiday.
5. The Greeks thought of an unusual plan.
6. The Greek soldiers took Troy.
7. The Greeks built a big wooden horse and the leaders of the army hid inside it.
8. The Trojans had to bring the wooden horse into the city.