

From Book 6: Hector Returns to Troy

Critical Reading

1. Respond: With whom would you side in the argument between Achilles and Agamemnon in Book 17 Why?

2. (a) Recall: As the Iliad begins, what problem confronts the Greeks?

(b) Infer: Why is the problem of such importance to the soldiers and their campaign?

3. (a) Recall: Why does Agamemnon claim Briseis as his prize?

(b) Analyze Causes and Effects: How does this action relate to Achilles' decision to withdraw from battle?

4. (a) Recall: In Book 6, what prediction does Hector make about Troy's destiny?

(b) Compare and Contrast: In light of this prediction, compare and contrast the poem's portrayals of Achilles and Hector as heroes so far.

5. (a) Generalize: What does the concept of honor seem to mean in the Homeric world? Explain. (b) Take a Position: Do you agree with this notion of honor? Why or why not?