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Greek I

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I. Synopses

A. Tantalus vs. Pelops

1. *Background:* Tantalus, the father of Pelops, was one of the gods' favorite people. *Cause:* He wanted to test if the gods could be wrong or not, so he invited them to a feast that he would prepare.
2. *Effect:* He then proceeded to cut up Pelops and boil him, to be served to the gods. All of the gods immediately realize, except for Demeter, who is grieving so much that she eats Pelops' shoulder.
3. *Result:* To punish Tantalus for this, Zeus casts him into the underworld to infinitely push a boulder up a hill, meanwhile Hermes is commanded to put the pieces into a cauldron to resurrect him, which he does, and Demeter replaces his shoulder with an ivory one.

B. Atreus vs. Thyestes Part 1

1. *Background:* Pelops had two sons, Atreus and Thyestes, and one fake son Chrysippus. Pelop's wife Hippodamia did not like the fake son so she told A and T to kill him. A and T convicted then fled from the crime. They came upon Sthelenus who is the king of Mycenae, who welcomes them.

Sthelenus dies by the hand of Hyllus, and Sthelenus' son Eurystheus becomes king. He leaves and dies and gives the kingdom to Atreus.

2. *Cause:* A. and T. both want power.
3. *Effect:* T. sleeps with A.'s wife, takes the throne and steals his best Ram.
4. *Result:* A. then with the help of the gods takes back the throne and banishes T..

C. Atreus vs. Thyestes Part 2

1. *Cause:* A. hates T. for obvious reasons.
2. *Effect:* A. invites T to come back from exile. A. then offers to share kingship with T.. A. however is plotting revenge. A. throws a banquet for T. and feeds him his own 2-3 sons. This makes T upset.
3. *Result:* A. banishes T. again. T. goes to an oracle that tells him to have a son by his daughter so that he can get his power back. The son is Agisthus.
A. has a son named Agamemnon

D. Artemis vs. Agamemnon

1. *Cause:* Agamemnon killed a deer that was sacred to Artemis, so she sent a plague and prevented the Greeks from leaving port to go to Troy.
Agamemnon is told by his seers that the only way to appease her is for him to sacrifice Iphigenia, his daughter.
2. *Effect:* So, he sends for her, saying that she is going to be married to Achilles. She is then sacrificed (or taken away by Artemis to Tauris in some versions and replaced by an animal), and the problems subside.

3. *Result:* However, this leads to Clytemnestra and Aegisthus killing him out of revenge, which leads to Orestes killing Clytemnestra.

II. Character Lists

A. Tantalus vs. Pelops

1. Tantalus was the father of Pelops, beloved by the gods, but a proud man. He is the instigator of this conflict by butchering Pelops and feeding him to the gods, for which he is eternally punished.
2. Pelops was the son of Tantalus, who killed him. He was revived and lived on to have several sons, including Atreus and Thyestes.
3. Zeus was the leader of the gods who cast Tantalus into Hades for his crimes.
4. Demeter was the only goddess to eat any of Pelops, who gave him his replacement ivory shoulder as an apology for her consumption of him.

B. Atreus and Thyestes Part 1

1. Pelops *c.f* II.A.2
2. Hippodamia was the wife of Pelops, she didn't like Chrysippus so she had him killed
3. Chrysippus was fake son Hippodamia, real son of Pelops. He got killed, possibly by his brothers, possibly by his dad
4. Atreus was the son of Pelops. He might have killed Chrysippus and left so that he not be prosecuted. He became king of Mycenae.

5. Thyestes was the son of Pelops, also might have killed Chrysippus and left so that he not be prosecuted. He slept with his brother's wife, stole his best ram and took his power.

C. Atreus and Thyestes Part 2

1. Atreus feeds Thyestes Thyestes' own children. He also has a son named Agamemnon
2. Thyestes is fed his own children and he has a son with his daughter. The son is named Agisthus

D. Artemis vs. Agamemnon

1. Artemis is the goddess of the hunt whose deer Agamemnon kills. As a response she demands the sacrifice of Iphigenia.
2. Agamemnon is the king of Mycenae who had to sacrifice his own daughter because of his folly. This directly led to his own death through his wife.
3. Iphigenia is the daughter of Agamemnon who was sacrificed (or whisked away to Tauris) because of her father's mistakes.
4. Clytemnestra is the wife of Agamemnon, whom she kills out of revenge for Iphigenia. Her lover is Aegisthus.
5. Orestes is the son of Clytemnestra and Agamemnon who avenges his father by killing his mother, leading to being tormented by the Furies.

III. Locations List

A. Tantalus vs. Pelops

1. The entire feud takes place in Lydia, where Tantalus rules. The gods are invited there for the feast, and it is there where the tragedy of Pelops' butchering strikes.
2. The underworld is where Tantalus is sent for his impiety. There he must spend eternity pushing a boulder up a hill, only to have it fall again.

B. Atreus and Thyestes Part 1

1. The feud is in Mycenae

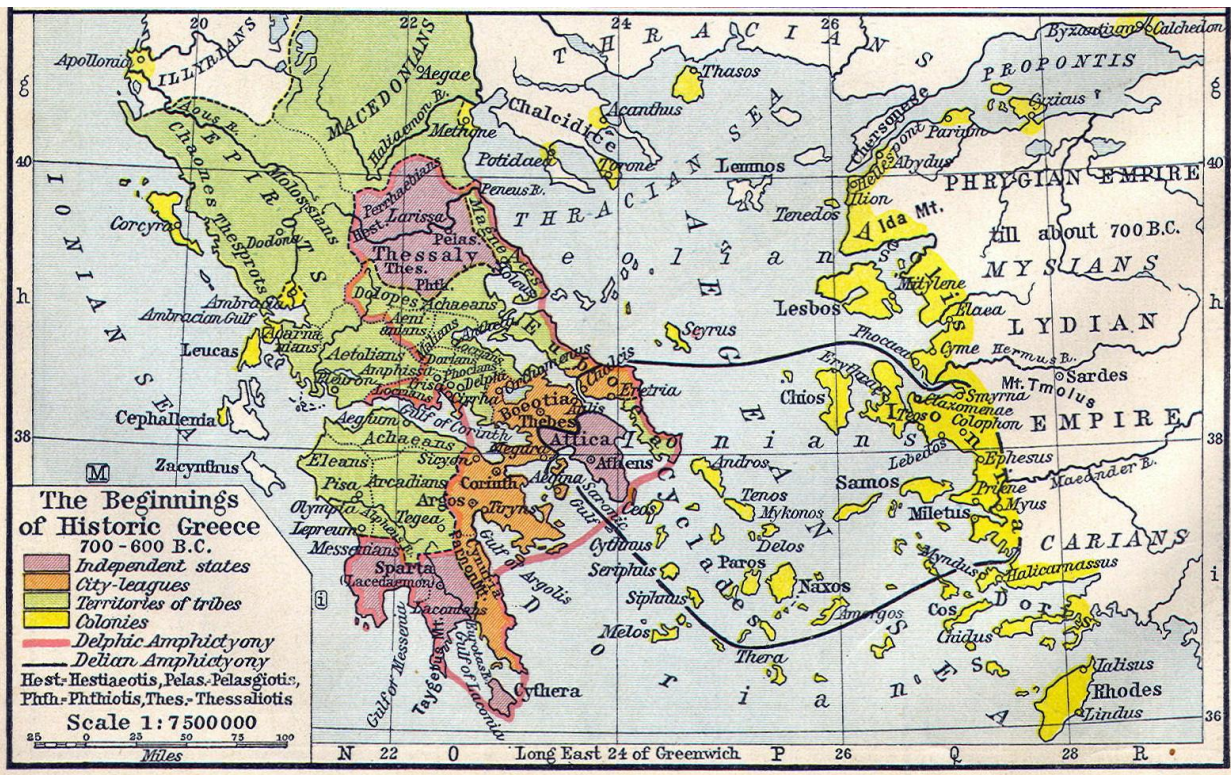
C. Atreus and Thyestes Part 2

1. The feud is in Mycenae

D. Artemis vs. Agamemnon

1. This feud begins in Aulis, where Agamemnon is gathering Greeks. Here, he kills the sacred deer and Artemis becomes angry. Iphigenia is also brought and sacrificed here.
2. Mycenae is where the tragedy strikes. Here, Agamemnon is killed by Clytemnestra, who is then also killed by Orestes, who is then tormented by the Furies.

IV. Maps





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