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Greek I

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# The Trojan War Family Feuds

## I. Synopses

### A. Aphrodite vs. Athena vs. Hera

- 1. Cause: King Peleus and the Nereid Thetis did not invite Eris to their wedding. Thus, in her anger she threw the golden apple of discord into the midst of the guests and yelled "the fairest of the goddesses shall have it", causing Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite to all reach or it at once, and begin to quarrel over it. In order to solve the problem, Zeus chose Prince Paris of Troy to be the judge of their beauty. However, each goddess attempted to bribe him if he would give the apple to herself; Hera promising power, Athena wisdom, and Aphrodite, the most beautiful woman on Earth (Helen) as a wife. Paris wanted a beautiful wife, so he gave the apple to Aphrodite, being the final cause of the feud between the goddesses.
- Effect: Paris, having a goddess's permission, immediately sailed to Sparta, kidnapped Helen from her actual husband, Menelaus, and took her back to Troy, causing the entire Trojan War, which thus lasted for ten years, in which many great Greek heroes were killed.
- 3. Resolution: The Greeks finally win the Trojan war with their little hide-inside-a-wooden-horse tactic. Menelaus takes Helen back to Troy as his

wife. However, the feud between the Goddesses is never really resolved, though Her and Athena feel they have had their justice after helping the Greeks win the Trojan War, as they hate Paris for not gifting either of them with the apple. Aphrodite had been trying to help the Trojans win, but after they lose she must save her son Aeneas from the burning city.

### B. Athena vs. Aphrodite

- Cause: Athena gives Diomedes power and tells him that if he sees the goddess of love, Aphrodite, he should attack. Aeneas encounters him on the battlefield, defending his comrade, Pandarus.
- 2. Effect: Diomedes picks up a rock and throws it at Aeneas and the rock crushes Aeneas' hip. Aeneas sinks to the ground and Aphrodite comes and protects her son. Diomedes, seeing the goddess, attacks Aphrodite, stabbing her in the wrist. Because Aphrodite is injured, Apollo comes down to protect Aeneas. Diomedes mocks Aphrodite and she flees to Mount Olympus.
- 3. Resolution: Apollo successfully defends Aeneas from Diomedes's attacks, and threatens Diomedes to not fight the gods. Diomedes backs off, because he is told to only fight Aphrodite, and Apollo carries Aeneas out of the battle, and lays him in his own temple on top of a sacred mountain.

#### C. Athena vs. Ares

Cause: Athena and Hera see Ares slaughtering Achaeans and decide to put
a stop to it. The Achaeans are being beaten badly, so Athena meddles to
turn the tides of the battle.

- Effect: Athena goes to Diomedes, egging him on, and telling him to fight Ares. Athena helps Diomedes spear Ares in the gut.
- Resolution: Ares flees to Olympus to be healed and complains to Zeus.
   Athena returns to Olympus. The Trojan and Achaeans continue fighting, fulfilling Zeus' fate.

#### D. Artemis vs. Hera

- Cause: Zeus announces that he now allows the gods to descend to earth
  and fight for the army they support in the Trojan War. Hera supports the
  Greeks, and Artemis supports the Trojans. After Apollo submits to
  Poseidon, Artemis speaks out angrily, which enrages Hera.
- 2. Effect: Hera responds by saying that Artemis will regret facing Hera and that Artemis would have been better off simply hunting animals in the mountains. Hera then grabs Artemis's wrists and boxes Artemis over the ears with her own weapons.
- Resolution: Artemis, defeated, flees in tears to Olympus, where she complains about Hera to Zeus

#### E. Hera vs. Zeus

- Cause: The Greeks are being beaten back by the Trojans to their camp, nearly losing. Hera sees Poseidon instilling courage in the Achaeans and wants to help.
- 2. Effect: Hera makes herself look pretty and puts on Aphrodite's magical belt. Hera convinces Sleep to put Zeus to sleep as soon as she has finished seducing him by giving him one of the younger Graces as his wife,

- Pasithea. Hera seduces Zeus and Sleep puts Zeus asleep. The Achaeans rally behind Poseidon and fight back the Trojans.
- Resolution: Zeus wakes up and orders Apollo and Iris to come to him to fix the mess. Hera returns to Olympus and Zeus fixes the situation to his desired fate.

## F. Apollo vs. Athena

- 1. Cause: During the Trojan war, Apollo sided with the Trojans, while

  Athena sided with the Greeks. As each god attempted to help his or her

  side to be victorious, much conflict was caused. Chryseis, the daughter of

  Chryses, was taken prisoner by Achilles. Apollo aids Paris in the killing of

  Achilles by giving him extra spirit and strength. Later Kalkhas prophecies

  that the war will not be won by force of arms.
- 2. Effect: Agamemnon then proceeded to claim Chryseis as his own war prize since he outranked Achilles. He decided Chryseis was more beautiful than his own wife and thus refused to ransom even when the priest of Apollo offered gold. This refusal to ransom Chryseis angered Apollo and causes him to bring a great plague against the Greeks. Paris succeeds in killing the great Greek hero, Achilles. In response to the prophecy, Athena inspires Odysseus to come up with the idea for the Trojan horse.
- 3. Resolution: Agamemnon was forced to give back Chryseis to stop the plague. Then Agamemnon retaliates by taking Achilles's war slave,
  Briseis. This causes Achilles to refuse to fight in the war. Later, Chryses

returns Chryseis to Agamemnon because of her good treatment by the Greeks. In response to the death of Achilles, Athena protects his corpse with her godly power so he is able to be properly buried and respected. Athena also stops the other gods, who were on the Trojan side, from interfering when they try to stop the Trojan horse plan.

## II. Important Characters

### A. Aphrodite vs. Athena vs. Hera

- Eris: Eris is the spirit of strife who, enraged at not being invited to the wedding, wants to cause strife between the gods and throws the golden apple among them.
- Aphrodite: Aphrodite is the goddess of love and beauty, one of the goddesses who grasps for the apple of discord, and the one who wins it by promising Paris Helen of Sparta as a wife.
- 3. Hera: Hera is the queen of the gods, being Zeus's (main) wife. She also grasps for the apple of discord, and promises Paris power over all of Asia in an attempt to bribe him so that he will give her the apple.
- 4. Athena: Athena is the goddess of wisdom, which she thus promises to

  Paris so that he will give her the apple. When he does not, she becomes

  very involved in the war, invigorating the Greek soldiers to fight very hard

  against the Trojans, and specifically against Aphrodite and Paris.
- 5. Thetis: Thetis is the Nereid who makes the original mistake of not inviting Eris to her wedding. According to different texts, it is unclear if this was an accident or done on purpose.

6. Paris: Paris is the prince of Troy whom Zeus chooses as the best judge of beauty to judge the goddesses. He chooses Aphrodite because she promises him Helen as a wife, bringing the wrath of the other two goddesses upon him during the war.

### B. Athena vs. Aphrodite

- Athena: Athena is a goddess on the side of the Achaeans and instills her power on Diomedes to fight the Trojans. She tells Diomedes to fight against the gods, specifically Aphrodite.
- Aphrodite: Aphrodite is the mother of Aeneas and protects her son from Diomedes. She is injured and flees to Olympus.
- 3. Aeneas: Aeneas is a Trojan fighting against Diomedes and the Greeks. He is protected by his mother, Aphrodite, and Apollo.
- 4. Diomedes: Diomedes is a Greek, powered up by Athena. He fights against Aeneas, Aphrodite, and Apollo.
- Apollo: Apollo is a god on the side of the Trojans. He comes to protect
   Aeneas from Diomedes.

#### C. Athena vs. Ares

- Athena: Athena is a goddess on the Greek side and instills power in Diomedes to fight against Ares.
- 2. Diomedes: Diomedes is a Greek, powered up by Athena. He spears Ares in the gut with the help of Athena.
- 3. Ares: Ares fights for the Trojan side but is speared in the gut by Diomedes, with the power of Athena.

#### D. Artemis vs. Hera

- Artemis: Artemis is the goddess of the hunt who supports the Trojans and opposes and is defeated by Hera.
- 2. Hera: Hera is the queen of the gods who supports the Greeks and fights and defeats Artemis.
- 3. Zeus: Zeus is the lord of the skies and the king of the gods. He declared that the gods were allowed to descend to earth to support the army of their choice, thus causing the ensuing conflict. After Hera bests Artemis, Artemis flees to Zeus.

#### E. Hera vs. Zeus

- Hera: Hera is Zeus' wife and on the side of the Greeks. When she sees
   Poseidon aiding the Greeks she helps by distracting Zeus by seducing him and putting him to sleep.
- 2. Zeus: Zeus is seduced by Athena and put asleep by Sleep. He wakes up to find the battle meddled with and fixes the situation to his desired fate.
- Sleep: Sleep is convinced by Hera to make Zeus fall asleep in return for a wife, a Grace.
- 4. Poseidon: Poseidon aiss the Greeks and rallies with them to push back against the Trojans.

### F. Apollo vs. Athena

Apollo: The god of the sun and music favored the Trojans in the war. He
aids in helping them by cursing Agamemnon and the Greeks and by
helping Paris kill Achilles.

- Athena: The goddess of war and wisdom helped the Greeks in the Trojan war. She protects the dead body of Achilles
- 3. Chryseis: The daughter of Chryses was taken prisoner by the Greeks.
- 4. Agamemnon: The commander of the Greek forces, who took Chryseis as his war prize.
- 5. Paris: The prince of Troy ends up killing Achilles with Apollo's help.
- Achilles: The hero of the Greeks was destined to win the war for the Greeks and dies at the hands of Paris.
- 7. Odysseus: Another hero of the Greeks, who comes up with the idea for the Trojan horse.
- 8. Kalkhas: The seer received a sign that the Trojan war would not be won by force of arms.

### III. Important Locations

- A. Aphrodite vs. Athena vs. Hera
  - Troy: Troy was the site of the entire Trojan war, which was directly
    caused by the feud between these three goddesses and Paris's choice.
     Additionally, Paris was from Troy.
  - Sparta: Menelaus and Helen lived in Sparta until Paris took Helen to be his wife.
  - Mount Olympus: Mount Olympus was the site of the wedding and the argument that took place between the three goddesses about who the fairest was.
- B. Athena vs. Aphrodite

- Troy: Troy was where Athena gave Diomedes his additional strength and ability to detect gods and goddesses. It was also where Diomedes, with this strength, attacked Aphrodite.
- 2. Mount Olympus: Aphrodite flees to Mount Olympus after Diomedes wounds and mocks her.

#### C. Athena vs. Ares

1. Troy: Athena encourages and helps Diomedes to attack Ares at Troy.

#### D. Artemis vs. Hera

- Troy: Troy is the site of the Trojan war, and thus is where Artemis and Hera fought each other.
- 2. Olympus: After Artemis was defeated, she fled to Olympus, where Zeus was.

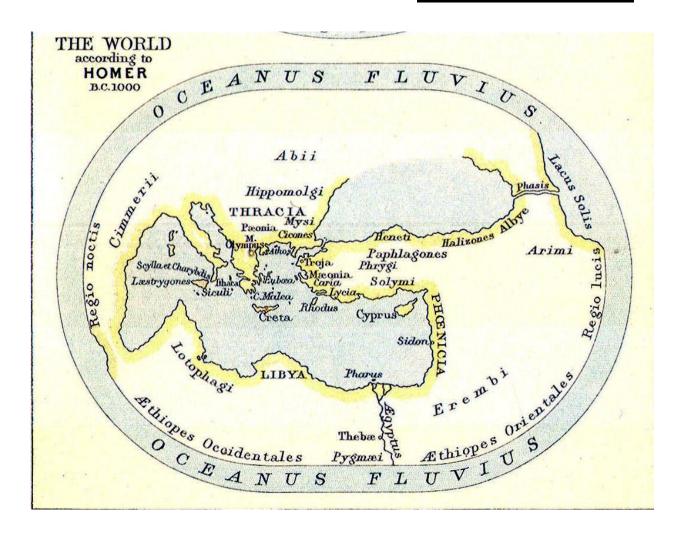
### E. Hera vs. Zeus

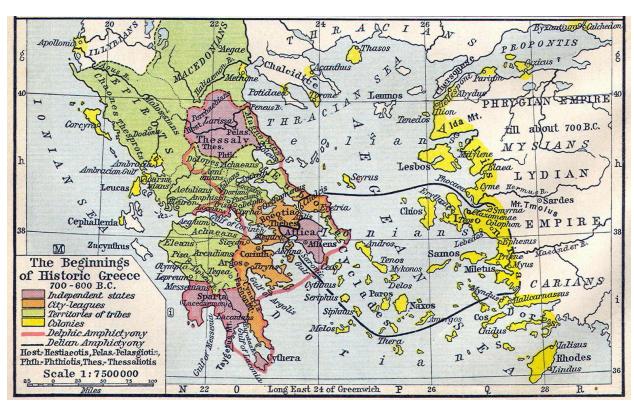
- 1. Troy: The tide of the battle at Troy is not favorable for Hera's preferred side, the Greeks, so she seduces Zeus in order to descend to Troy.
- Mount Olympus: Hera seduces Zeus at Mount Olympus, and returns to Mount Olympus after she is done at Troy

### F. Apollo vs. Athena

1. Troy: This is where the Trojan War occurred, hence the site of the interaction between Apollo and Athena.

# IV. Maps







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Brody:

1. Athena gave permission to to fight against Aphrodite.
A. Odysseus B. Diomedes C. Ajax D. Ares
2. With the aid of Athena, what does Diomedes do to Ares?
A. Stab in the chest B. Decapitate C. Hug D. Spear in the gut
3. Who comes to Aeneas' rescue once his mother is wounded?
A. Demeter B. Zeus C. Apollo D. Paris
4. Why does Athena primarily go to Diomedes again to help the Greeks?
A. She wants to give Diomedes honor B. The Greeks are losing C. She loves Diomedes
D. It was a bet
5. Aeneas encounters on the battlefield because he is defending his comrade Pandarus.
A. Agamemnon B. Diomedes C. Homer D. Hermes
1.B 2.D 3.C 4.B 5.B
1. Amidst the battling, Diomedes receives permission to fight which goddess? Aphrodite
Who gives him permission to do this? Athena
What happens to the goddess? Stabbed in the wrist and flees away
2. Aeneas is attacked and injured by whom with a boulder? Diomedes
Why is Aeneas fighting Diomedes? To protect his comrade (Pandarus)

Whom is Aeneas first protected by? Aphrodite
3. Once Aphrodite fails to protect the injured Aeneas who comes to protect him? Apollo
Why does Diomedes back off? Diomedes was only told to fight Aphrodite
Apollo takes Aeneas out of the battle to where? his own temple on top of a sacred
mountain
4. Which two goddesses sees the Achaeans being beaten badly and decide to meddle in the war
Athena and Hera
Why are the Achaeans being beaten so miserably? Ares is slaughtering Achaeans
Which sides of the war is Ares on? Ares is on the Trojans' side
5. To whom does Athena go to turn the tides of the battle? Diomedes
How does Diomedes stop Ares? Spears Ares in the Gut
What does Ares do after being speared in the gut? He flees to Olympus and complains
to Zeus
Polk (Apollo and Athena):
1. Apollo sided with the and Athena sided with the
a. Greeks; Trojans

b. Trojans; Greeks	
c. Spartans; Athenians	
d. Athenians; Spartans	
2 was taken prisoner by Achilles and later claimed by the Greek commander.	
a. Chryseis	
b. Briseis	
c. Athena	
d. Agamemnon	
3. When aided by Apollo, killed Achilles.	
a. Agamemnon	
b. Apollo himself killed Achilles	
c. Hector	
d. Paris	
4. Athena inspired Odysseus to come up with what idea?	
a. The bow and arrow	
b. The sword	
c. The Trojan Horse	
d. The warship	
5. Athena corpse of Achilles.	
a. Desecrates	
b. Punishes	
c. Protects	
d. Kills	

e. Ignores

- 1. B.
- 2. A.
- 3. D.
- 4. C.
- 5. C.

### Certamen

1. What side did the goddess of wisdom, Athena, oppose?

The Trojans

a. Which side did her brother side with?

The Trojans

b. Which nation ultimately wins the war?

The Greeks

2. Who is the daughter of Chryses?

Chryseis

a. Which Greek took her prisoner?

**Achilles** 

b. Which Greek later claimed her as his war prize?

Agamemnon

3. What does the prophecy of Kalkhas say about how the war would be won?

That it would not be won by force of arms.

a. Who does Athena inspire with the idea for the Trojan horse?

Odysseus

b. Do any gods attempt to stop this plan?

Yes (Athena prevents them from interfering though)

4. What action completely enrages Apollo, later causing him to punish the Greeks?

The refusal by Agamemnon to give back Chryseis when she is ransomed (by the priest of Apollo).

a. How does Apollo punish the Greeks?

He brings a plague upon them.

b. Once Agamemnon is forced to give back Chryseis, who does he take in retaliation?

**Briseis** 

5. Which god and man duo kills Achilles?

Apollo and Paris

a. Which goddess protects the corpse of Achilles?

Athena

b. What is Athena's brother the god of?

Music and the Sun

## George:

- 1. During which war does the Artemis vs. Hera feud occur?
  - a. The Second Punic War
  - b. The Peloponnesian War
  - c. The Revolutionary War
  - d. The Trojan War

2.	Artemi	s sided with the	during the war	, and Hera sided	with the		
	a.	Trojans, Greeks					
	b.	Greeks, Trojans					
	c.	c. Trojans, Teucrians					
	d.	Teucrians, Trojans					
3. Who instigates the feud by speaking out angrily?							
	a.	Apollo					
	b.	Hera					
	c.	Artemis					
	d.	Zeus					
4.	Who w	vins the feud between	Artemis and He	era?			
	a.	Artemis					
	b.	Hera					
	c.	It is a tie					
	d.	Zeus					
5.	How d	oes the winner defeat	the other?				
	a.	A calm debate					
	b. She boxes the other over the ears						
c. She complains to Zeus, who then sides with her							
d. Neither of them defeats the other							
Answer	rs: 1.) I	2.) A	3.) C	4.) B	5.) B		
Certam	en Oue	stions					

**Certamen Questions** 

- 1. Which god changes his mind, which ultimately allows the feud to occur? Zeus
  - a. What does he change his mind about? Whether or not the gods are allowed to directly interfere in the war
  - b. Who are three of the deities related to this feud that then descend to earth?

    Poseidon, Apollo, Artemis, Hera
- 2. During which war does the Hera vs. Artemis conflict occur? The Trojan War
  - a. With which army does Hera side? The Greeks
  - b. With which army does Artemis side? The Trojans
- 3. Who instigated the feud by speaking out angrily? *Artemis* 
  - a. What action caused Artemis to do this? *Apollo submitted to Poseidon*
  - b. What did Hera then say Artemis would be better off doing instead of fighting in
     the war? Hunting animals in the mountains
- 4. Which goddess is the first to make violent physical contact with the other in the feud?

  Hera
  - a. How does Hera grab Artemis? By her wrists
  - b. How does Hera punish Artemis for speaking out? She boxes her over the ears with her own weapons
- 5. How does Artemis respond to being beat up? She flees
  - a. Where does she flee to? *Mount Olympus*
  - b. Who does she flee to? Zeus