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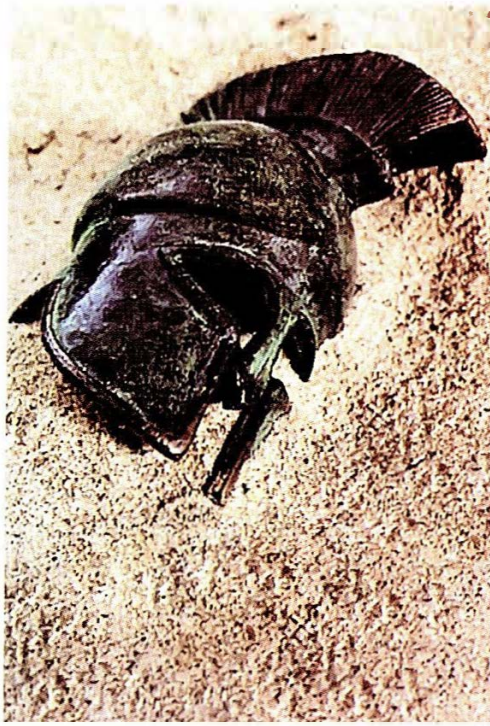
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Story Characters

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Priam

Hecuba

Cassandra

Hector

Paris

TROJANS



Agamemnon

Menelaus

Helen

Odysseus

Patroclus

Peleus

Achilles

GREEKS



Zeus

Hera

Aphrodite

Athena

Hermes

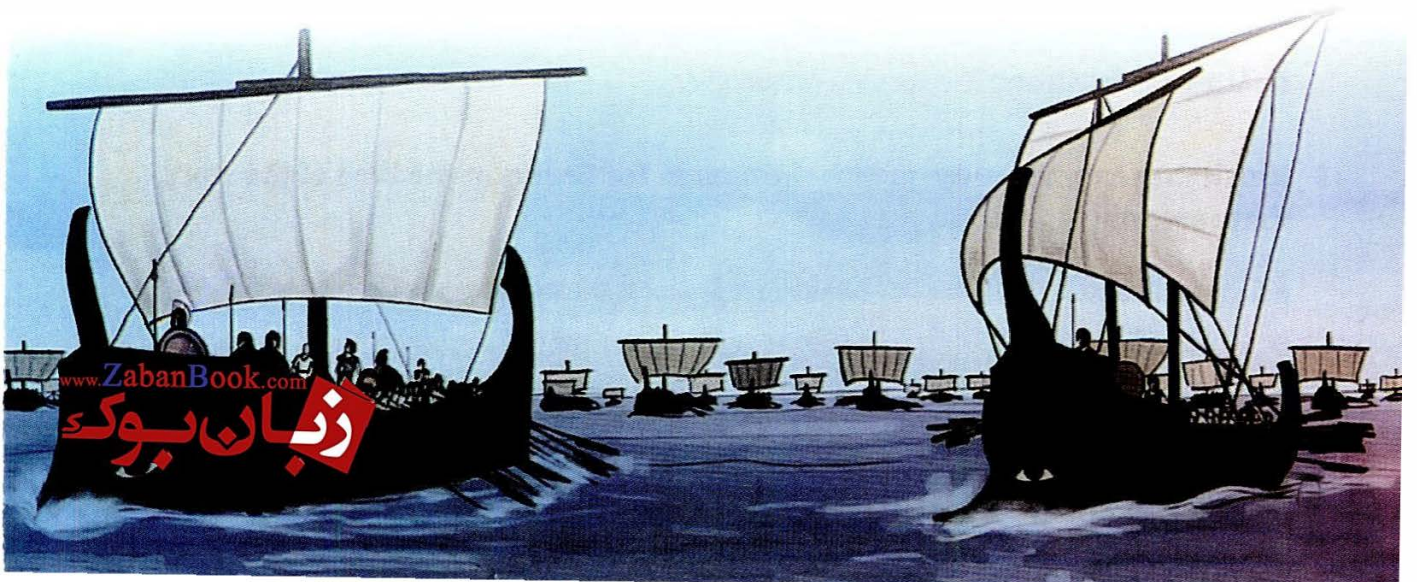
Thetis

Eris

GODS AND GODDESSES

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ACTIVITIES

BEFORE READING



1 Write the number of a place name on the map next to each sentence.

- a The Trojan king Priam and his family live here. ☐
- b Paris lives here, south of Troy, when he is a boy. ☐
- c The great Greek king Agamemnon is from here. ☐
- d Menelaus is from here, in the south of Greece. ☐

2 Choose the words to complete these sentences. Use the character page to help you.

- a Paris is Priam and Hecuba's *brother / son*.
- b Cassandra and Hector are Paris's *children / sister and brother*.
- c Menelaus and Agamemnon are *brothers / father and son*.
- d Achilles is Peleus and Thetis's *son / grandfather*.

3 Match the sentence endings with the names. For Greeks at the time of the story, these are true sentences.

- | | |
|---|---|
| a The River Styx <input type="checkbox"/> | i ... is the home of the Greek gods. |
| b Mount Olympus <input type="checkbox"/> | ii ... is near the country of dead people. Its dark waters can stop people dying. |

Chapter 1 This child must die



Everything begins when Priam is the **King** of Troy, and Hecuba is his **queen**.

At first, things go well for them. They have a daughter – Cassandra – and later, a son – Hector. Then, after some more years, they have a second son. His name is Paris.

But when this child arrives, Hecuba is not happy.

‘What’s wrong?’ Priam asks.

‘I’m afraid,’ Hecuba answers. ‘I see Troy **in flames** years from now – because Paris brings **disaster** to us.’

Priam takes away his young son fast.

king the most important man in a country

queen the wife of a king

in flames red and hot with fire

disaster a very bad thing

GRAMMAR CHECK

Comparative adjectives

We add **-er** to make the comparative form of most adjectives.

old – older

When adjectives finish in a short vowel and a single consonant, we double the consonant and add **-er**.

big – bigger

When adjectives finish in consonant + y, we change y to **i** and add **-er**.

happy – happier

With longer adjectives (other 2 syllable adjectives, or adjectives with 3+ syllables) we use **more**.

wonderful – more wonderful

Some adjectives have an irregular comparative form.

bad – worse good – better

We use comparative adjectives + **than** in sentences.

Hector is older than Paris.

1 Write the comparative adjectives.

a young... *younger*...

d careful.....

g angry.....

b honest.....

e hungry.....

h beautiful.....

c weak.....

f fast.....

i great.....

2 Write comparative sentences.

a Paris / young / Cassandra *Paris is younger than Cassandra*.....

b Patroclus / weak / Achilles

c Aphrodite / beautiful / Hera

d Zeus / hungry / Hermes

e Paris / fast / Menelaus

f Paris / honest / Agelaus

g Eris / angry / Athena

h Agamemnon / great / Menelaus

i Odysseus / careful / Priam

GRAMMAR CHECK

Adverbs of manner

We use adverbs of manner to talk about actions. They tell us more about verbs.

Hera looks *carefully* at the golden apple.

Achilles fights Hector *angrily*.

We make adverbs of manner from adjectives by adding **-ly**.

careful – *carefully*

For adjectives ending in **-y**, we change **-y** to **-ily**.

angry – *angrily*

Some adverbs are irregular.

fast – *fast*

good – *well*

I'm King Priam's son, Paris. I love my father greatly. My brother Hector fights well. I fight badly, but I can run fast. I love a wonderful woman – Helen. She speaks beautifully and dresses expensively. But my mother isn't very nice to her. And my sister Cassandra is afraid of her. Cassandra tells me this honestly and openly.



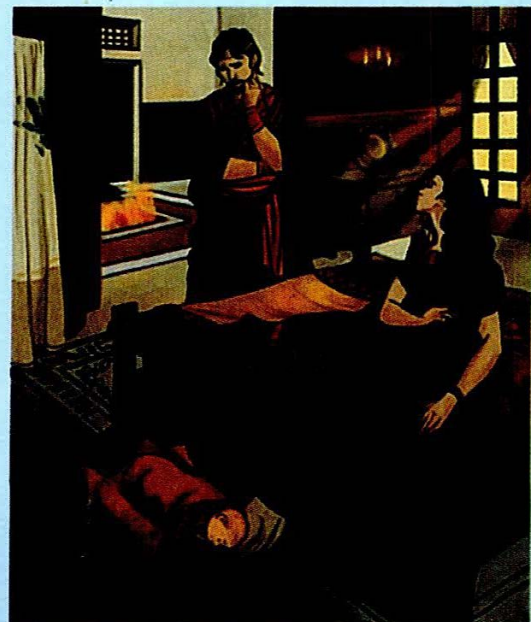
3 Circle the adverbs of manner in the text

4 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- a Hecuba is not ... with her young son Paris.
1 ☒ happy 2 ☐ happily
- b Priam ... gives the child away to Agelaus.
1 ☐ quick 2 ☐ quickly
- c Paris lives ... on Mount Ida.
1 ☐ quiet 2 ☐ quietly
- d He is ... when the king's messenger visits him.
1 ☐ excited 2 ☐ excitedly
- e Paris wins the Trojan Games
1 ☐ easy 2 ☐ easily
- f He finds Helen of Sparta very
1 ☐ interesting 2 ☐ interestingly

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GRAMMAR CHECK

Possessive adjectives

We use **possessive adjectives** to say who something or someone belongs to.

The sea is **her** home. (= Thetis's)

Paris is **his** killer. (= Achilles's)

Agamemnon is **their** great king. (= the Greeks')

5 Replace the underlined words in these phrases with the possessive adjectives in the box.

her	her	his	their
its	your	my	our



- | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| a | Thetis's son | her son |
| b | the wooden horse's legs | legs |
| c | Achilles's tent | tent |
| d | Peleus and Thetis's wedding | wedding |
| e | Athena's father | father |
| f | 'Achilles's best friend,' Achilles says. | '..... best friend' |
| g | 'Achilles's armour,' Thetis tells Achilles. | '..... armour' |
| h | 'Peleus and Thetis's son,' Peleus and Thetis say. | '..... son' |

6 Complete the sentences with the correct possessive adjectives.

- She goes to the river and puts her son in **its** waters.
- No one can put a sword through Achilles's body now, but heel stays weak.
- Cassandra is angry when brother brings Helen home.
- '..... wife is in Troy now,' Menelaus tells brother.
- The Greeks go in ships across the sea.
- 'Give black arrows to me!' Paris tells Priam.
- Cassandra loses father, and brothers in the war.

Troy


'I see Troy in flames years from now -- because Paris brings disaster to us,' Queen Hecuba says about her son.

Paris's father, King Priam, wants to kill him. But Paris lives, and later loves Helen -- King Menelaus's queen -- from Greece. When Paris brings Helen to Troy, war begins between the Trojans and Greeks.

What happens when Paris's brother Hector and the Greek fighter Achilles meet in battle? Who wins the war, and how? Read Troy and find the answers.

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One	400
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