

# The Trojan War

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In ancient \_\_\_\_\_, the blind poet named \_\_\_\_\_ told many stories about the great hero, \_\_\_\_\_. These stories relate the events of the \_\_\_\_\_ War and trace the travels of Odysseus as he made his way home from the war.

The story of the Trojan War begins with \_\_\_\_\_, one of the princes of \_\_\_\_\_, who was considered by all—even the gods—to be the most handsome youth in the world. But Paris was \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and a very weak fighter.

One day, the goddesses \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ were arguing over who was the most beautiful. Hera is the goddess of \_\_\_\_\_. Athena is the goddess of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Aphrodite is the goddess of \_\_\_\_\_. They decided to ask Paris to choose which of them was the most beautiful. Paris chose \_\_\_\_\_, who vowed to \_\_\_\_\_ Paris from then on. Hera and Athena vowed to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

King \_\_\_\_\_, the king of Troy, sent his son, \_\_\_\_\_, to speak with \_\_\_\_\_, one of the many kings of Greece. Menelaus was second in power only to his brother, \_\_\_\_\_. Menelaus had a beautiful wife named \_\_\_\_\_. Paris and Helen fell in love and Helen asked Paris to take her with him on his return to Troy. Paris agreed and Helen was welcomed as an honored guest into the court of Troy. Soon, Paris and Helen were married. But they were both afraid of a Greek attack on Troy, as a result of their actions.

Agamemnon and Menelaus gathered with the other kings of \_\_\_\_\_ and together they decided to declare war on Troy, in order to return Helen to her rightful home and husband. Some of the kings, including \_\_\_\_\_, king of \_\_\_\_\_, did not believe that was Menelaus' only intention. They thought that Menelaus really just wanted an excuse to destroy Troy. But Odysseus knew that it was safer to join forces with the \_\_\_\_\_ than to oppose them.

The Greeks soon left for the shores of Troy. Odysseus left behind his wife, \_\_\_\_\_, and his newborn son, \_\_\_\_\_.

The war began, and battles ensued for months. Paris decided to meet \_\_\_\_\_ in combat for the hand of Helen as well as the fate of the war. His brother, Hector, advised him not to fight Menelaus, but Paris did not listen. During the battle, Paris was \_\_\_\_\_ and about to be killed, when \_\_\_\_\_ intervened and saved him.

Later, Odysseus disguised himself as a \_\_\_\_\_ and sneaked inside the city walls of Troy. He found that Troy was a \_\_\_\_\_. If the Greeks could get inside the walls of Troy, the city could easily be \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ was a great warrior on the side of the \_\_\_\_\_ who would stand outside the gates of Troy and mock the Trojans, challenging them to \_\_\_\_\_. No one would fight him because his mother had given him protection against all weapons by plunging him into the river \_\_\_\_\_ when he was a \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to accept the challenge from Achilles. But Achilles \_\_\_\_\_ Hector during this combat, took his \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ Hector's dead body behind his chariot as he rode back to the Greek camp.

The kings agreed to stop the war for \_\_\_\_\_ days while funeral rites were performed for Hector in Troy. During this time, \_\_\_\_\_ devised a plan and the Greeks begin construction on a huge \_\_\_\_\_, which they left at the gates of Troy.

Thinking it was a \_\_\_\_\_, the Trojans brought the horse into their city. They celebrated, in the belief that the horse was a type of \_\_\_\_\_. But little did they know the Greeks had \_\_\_\_\_ inside the horse in order to enter the city. \_\_\_\_\_ and his warriors climbed out of the horse and began to slaughter and destroy the city of Troy. Troy was soon defeated.

Helen was taken back by Menelaus and Odysseus set out for his home in Ithaca. It would take Odysseus many years to return home.