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TROJAN WAR

PRESENTATION

MYTH OR REALITY?



Yellow – Dardenelles; Red – Bosphorus
Both are straits and important waterways in Turkey.

- There was no real Trojan War in history, at least not as it happens in this story.
- The war in *The Iliad* and other Trojan War stories probably reflected one or more other real wars between the Greeks and the Trojans.
- Those wars were likely over rights to a waterway now called The Dardenelles (highlighted in yellow). Notice the city of Canakkale (Troy) on the coast of the Dardenelles.
- The gods were very much involved in the Trojan War – the gods' involvement was pivotal to the war's events.

GRADES
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Presentation + Study Guide



STUDY GUIDE

The image shows three overlapping worksheets titled "HOW WELL DO YOU REMEMBER THE TROJAN WAR?". The central worksheet is the most prominent and contains the following content:

Name _____ Period _____

HOW WELL DO YOU REMEMBER THE TROJAN WAR?

1. Historians believe that the city of Troy was located in which modern-day country? _____
2. Who wrote *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*? _____
3. Why do some historians believe Homer may have been blind? _____
4. The first word in *The Iliad* is RAGE. Why is this a fitting first word for the story? _____
5. Who were Achilles' parents? _____
6. What was the prophecy about Achilles' future? _____
7. What was the prophecy about Paris' future? _____

The background worksheets show additional questions, such as "Helen of Sparta is also known as Helen of _____" and "How does *The Iliad* end?".

27 multiple-choice questions + 2 discussion questions;
could also be used as a test; Includes editable Google
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PRESENTATION

THE ANCIENT CITY OF TROY

- Did Troy really exist? For centuries, it was said that Troy was not a real place. But today's archaeologists now believe that Troy was a real city.
- Troy is believed to have been in western Turkey – there is an ancient ruined city there that they believe might have been Troy.
- Today, the area of the walled city of Canakkale, Turkey. You may also see it with the name Hisarlik.



THETIS AND PELEUS

- Thetis was a beautiful sea nymph, or neriad.
- Both Zeus and Poseidon wanted Thetis for their own, but the Titan Prometheus told Zeus that Thetis would birth a son that was greater than his father.
- Zeus – who had killed his own father, Cronus – did not like hearing this prediction from Prometheus. Hearing this news, Poseidon was suddenly not interested in Thetis, either.
- Zeus decided Thetis should marry King Peleus.



Wedding of Peleus and Thetis
By Giuseppe Mazzola

55 slides introduce Homer and the entire story of The Trojan War; all text is editable

ALL SLIDES ARE ILLUSTRATED



Ancient Greek pottery dating back to 300 BC

ACHILLES IN DISGUISE

- In some stories, Thetis hid Achilles on Skyros so he would not grow up and die in war.
- Achilles was made to dress as a girl as a disguise.
- Odysseus discovered Achilles in disguise and convinced him to join the war.
- Achilles was ready for war.

THE DEATH OF PATROCLUS

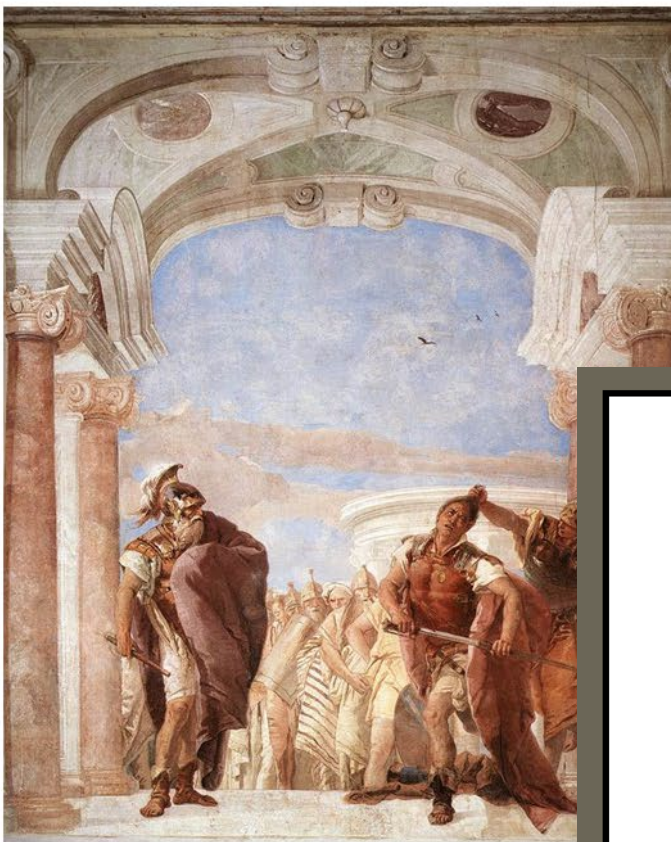


Patroclus on an antique fresco from the House of the Tragic Poet in Pompeii, 1st century AD (Naples National Archaeological Museum)

- When he hears of his friend's death, Achilles is consumed with grief and rage. Achilles vows revenge and enters the fight again.
- Achilles swears to kill Hector, who killed Patroclus.
- Terrified for her son Achilles, Thetis asks the god Hephaestus to make Achilles new armor and a new shield.
- This new armor and shield are described in extensive detail in *The Iliad*.

Includes paintings from Rubens, Botticelli, Rosetti, Battista, Mazzola, and many more! Also includes photos of ancient pottery, statues, and sculptures.

QUOTATIONS FROM *THE ILIAD*



The Rage of Achilles, fresco by Giovanni B Tiepolo (1757, Villa Valmarana ai Nani, Vicenza)

OPENING LINES OF *THE ILIAD*

*Rage—Goddess, sing the rage of Peleus' son Achilles,
murderous, doomed, that cost the Achaeans countless losses*

Achilles speaks of his two opposing fates...

*Mother tells me,
the immortal goddess Thetis with her glistening feet,
that two fates bear me on to the day of death.
If I hold out here and I lay siege to Troy,
my journey home is gone, but my glory never dies.
If I voyage back to the fatherland I love,
my pride, my glory dies...
true, but the life that's left me will be long,
the stroke of death will not come on me quickly.*

(from Book IX)



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5 quotations are presented in context
as the slides go through the story

THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED

KING ODYSSEUS

- Another Greek King, Odysseus of Ithaca, had once made an oath to King Menelaus that he would help protect Menelaus and Helen's marriage.
- After King Odysseus made this promise, he married Penelope and they had an infant son named Telemachus.
- An oracle told Odysseus that Telemachus would die before Odysseus returned from the war.



Achilles statue in London's Hyde Park



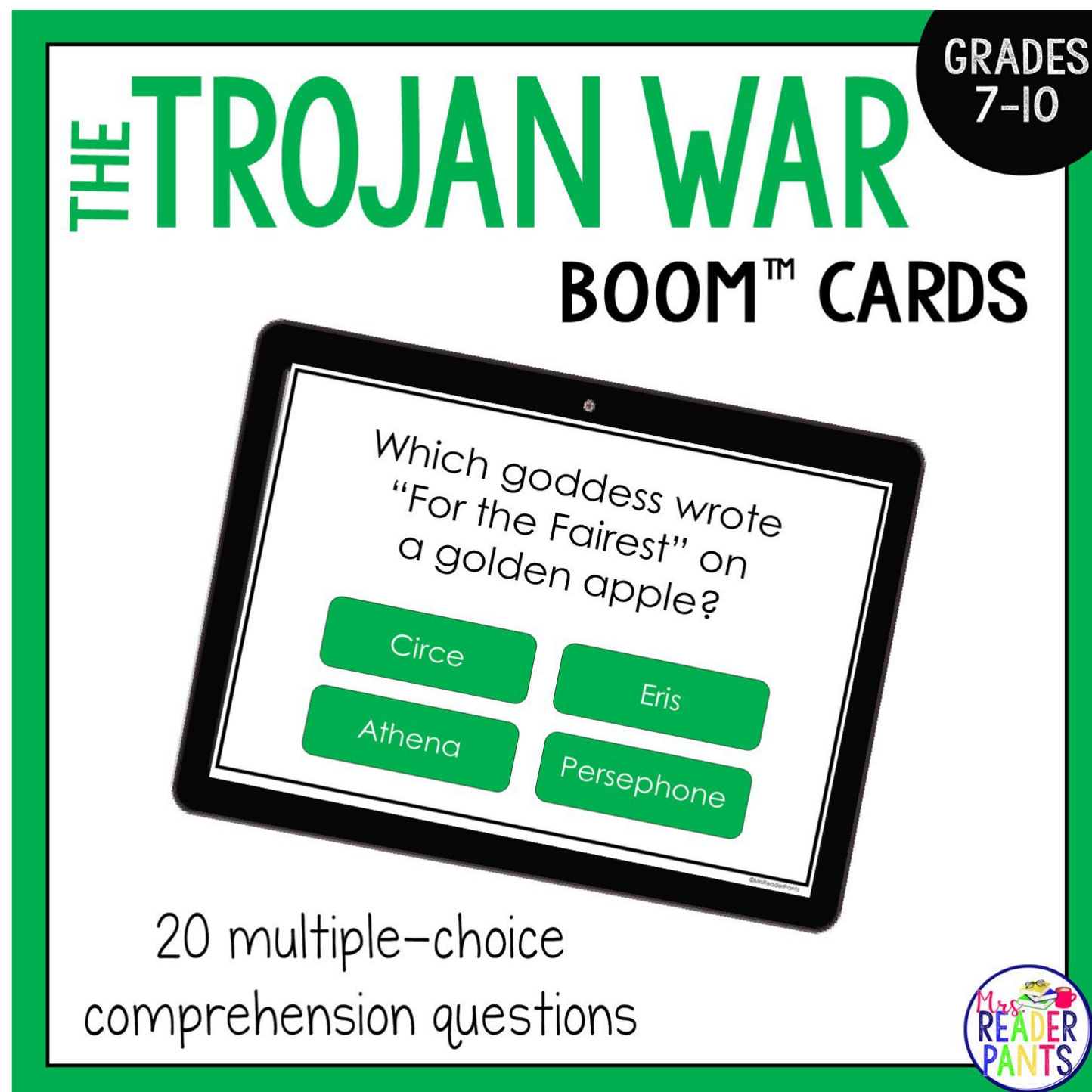
GAME OVER

- *The Iliad* ends with Hector's burial.
- Achilles' death is not portrayed in *The Iliad*, but it does appear in other stories.
- Achilles is often described as the greatest warrior in the entire world. But remember, there was a prophecy.
- Before the war, Achilles had chosen short-lived glory over a long life. Achilles was destined to die in battle.

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