**Guiding Questions for Chapters 1-5 (The Black Ships Before Troy: the story of the Iliad)**

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| **Chapter** | **Question** | **Answer** |
| 1 | How does Eris start all the drama? | Threw a golden apple to the “fairest” ( beautiful) because she wasn’t invited to the wedding. |
|  | Why is Paris sent away at birth? | Cassandra’s prophecy that said “If Paris lives Troy will fall!” |
|  | What was the beauty contest? | Paris had to decide which goddess was the most beautiful |
|  | How does Paris end up returning to Troy? | Aphrodite tells the servants to steal Paris’s bull, so Paris decides to go back to Troy to get his bull back. |
|  | How does Helen end up with Paris? | He takes a ship to Greece to see Helen. Gains the trust of Menelaus and then runs away with Helen. |
| 2 | What does Menelaus do when he realizes Helen left with Paris? | He calls for help from his brother Agamemnon – He gets help from Odysseus |
|  | Why is Achilles missing from group? How do they get him to join? | His mother, Thetis puts a spell on him to protect him from war- she dresses him like a woman and hides him in another kingdom- Odysseus draws him out with a sword- When he sees the sword the spell breaks. |
| 3 | How much time passes with the Greeks on the shores of Troy and the Trojans hiding behind their walls? | 9 years have passed |
|  | Why is Apollo angry with the Greeks? | The Greeks took Chryseis and Briseis as slaves |
|  | What causes the fight between Agamemnon and Achilles? Whats the result of this fight? | Agamennon took Achilles girl (Briseis) for his own. Achilles does not actually fight Agamemnon because Athena put the idea in his head that he wasn’t to fight the High King. |
| 4 | What does Thetis do for Achilles? | She goes to Zeus and asks for Troy to win the war as a favor to her son. |
|  | How does the single combat between Menelaus and Paris end? | Aphrodite puts an invisible cloak on Paris and carries him to his father’s chambers. She protects him and the battle is not finished. |
|  | How does Helen feel about Paris by the end of the chapter? | She is upset with Paris didn’t win, but Aphrodite intervenes and makes Helen forgive Paris. |
|  | What are the 4 divine interventions by Aphrodite? | Protects Paris in the battle/takes him to his father’s chambers  She makes Helen come back to Paris  Makes Helen afraid by telling her Greeks won’t care for her anymore if she leaves Paris  Aphrodite makes Helen forgive Paris |
| 5 | What happens between Hector and Andromache?  Hector and Paris? | Andromache is Hector’s wife. She doesn’t want Hector to go to war and die. He values honor more than life and does not listen to his wife.  Hector is angry with Paris because he feels that Paris started the Trojan war, but won’t fight his own battle. He thinks he is a coward. t |

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| 6 | Who causes the fighting to start again? | Athena- She puts a thought into Hector’s mind that he has to do a single combat- He battles Ajax as a result |
|  | What happens with the single combat between Ajax and Hector? | Ajax and Hector come to a truce and stop fighting |
|  | What happens to give the Trojans confidence and make the Greeks feel hopeless? (hint: divine intervention) | Zeus intervenes with his lightning bolt and he stops Diomedes from attacking the Trojans |
|  | What weakness of Achilles’ prevents him from accepting Agamemnon’s apology? | He is angry and can’t let it go |
| 7 | Who is the Trojan spy? What happens to him? | Dolan- Odysseus and Diomedes questions him and then cut his head off |
|  | Who are the Greek spys? | Odysseus and Dolan |
|  | Why are the Greeks happy at the end of the chapter? | They stole King Rhesus’s horses |
| 8 | What is the bad omen for the Greeks? Why doesn’t it work? | Zeus created -Red Rain  It doesn’t stop the Greeks from attacking the Trojans |
|  | Which side (Greeks or Trojans) have a lot of men injured? | Mostly the Greeks |
|  | What suggestion does Nestor give Patroclus? | He should dress up like Achilles and trick the Trojans |
| 9 | How do the Trojans break through the Greek’s wall? | Hector throws a rock and breaks through |
|  | Divine Interventions:   * Zeus | Drops the red snake |
|  | * Poseidon | Gives the Greeks new energy |
|  | * Zeus | Makes Apollo heal Hector |
|  | * Apollo | Resurrects Hector from severe injury/death |
|  | What happened to the Greeks by the end? | Greeks were starting to lose their ships to fire- many of them are injured and giving up hope |
| 10 | Why does Achilles grant Patroclus permission to fight as “Achilles”? | He hopes that Trojans will have fear and fall back or retreat |
|  | What angers Zeus? | Patrolcus kills his half mortal son Sarpedon |
|  | Why doesn’t Patroclus keep his promise to Achilles? | Zeus makes him forget |
|  | How do the Trojans discover its Patroclus? | Apollo knocks off Patroclus’ helmet and exposes his true identity. |
| 11 | Why does Hector remain out to face Achilles? | He doesn’t want to die without honor |
|  | List the 3 steps of the fight between Hector and Achilles. | 1. Hector runs from Achilles 2. They fight until Hector has no more spears and Achilles does 3. Hector charges at Achilles with his sword and Achilles stabs him in the neck with a spear |
|  | What does Achilles do after he kills Hector? | Achilles kills Hector and dishonors him by cutting his heels and dragging his body with his chariot. |

**Guiding Questions for Chapters 6-11 (The Black Ships Before Troy: the story of the Iliad)**