

The Fall of the Trojan Empire: A Homework Sheet

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Core: Write a short paragraph explaining the historical context of the Trojan War, including the role of the city-states of Greece and Troy.
Extension: Research and write a short essay on the significance of the Trojan War in ancient history, including its impact on Western culture and literature.

Timeline of the Trojan War

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Core: Add more details to your timeline, including the roles of key figures such as Achilles, Hector, and Odysseus.
Extension: Include additional events and figures, such as the role of the gods and the impact of the war on the ancient world.

The Role of the Gods

The gods played a significant role in the Trojan War. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
"The gods and goddesses of ancient Greece were believed to have played a significant role in the Trojan War. Zeus, the king of the gods, was said to have supported the Greeks, while his wife, Hera, supported the Trojans. Other gods, such as Athena and Apollo, also took sides in the war."
Foundation: Who was the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology?
Core: What was the role of Zeus in the Trojan War?
Extension: Analyze the role of the gods in the Trojan War and evaluate their impact on the outcome of the war.

The Trojan Horse

The Trojan Horse was a clever strategy used by the Greeks to infiltrate Troy. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
"The Trojan Horse was a giant wooden horse built by the Greeks, which was used to sneak soldiers into Troy. The horse was presented to the Trojans as a gift, but it was actually a clever trick to gain entry into the city."
Foundation: What was the Trojan Horse?
Core: Describe the role of the Trojan Horse in the fall of Troy.
Extension: Evaluate the significance of the Trojan Horse in the context of the Trojan War and its impact on Western culture.

Debates and Discussions

Debates and discussions are an important part of learning about the Trojan War. Choose one of the following topics and write a short paragraph arguing for or against the statement: • The Trojan War was a justified response to the abduction of Helen. • The gods played a significant role in the outcome of the Trojan War.
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Creative Project

Create a creative project that depicts a key event or figure from the Trojan War. This could be a drawing, painting, or sculpture.
Foundation: Use a template or a graphic organizer to help you create your project.
Core: Include more details and complexity in your project, such as characters, settings, and themes.
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Reflection and Evaluation

Reflect on what you have learned about the Trojan War and evaluate your own understanding of the topic.
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Extension: Create a self-assessment rubric to evaluate your own learning and identify areas for improvement.

Historical Inquiry

Conduct a historical inquiry into the Trojan War, using primary and secondary sources to answer the following question: What was the significance of the Trojan War in ancient history?	
Foundation: Use a simplified template to guide your inquiry, including the following sources:	
The Iliad and the OdysseyAncient Greek artifacts and images	
Core: Include more complex sources and arguments in your inquiry, such as:	
 Historical accounts from ancient Greece and Rome Archaeological evidence from the site of Troy 	
Extension: Conduct an in-depth inquiry, using a range of primary and secondary sources, and including advanced arguments and analysis.	

Critical Thinking

Develop your critical thinking skills by analyzing the following passage and answering the questions that follow:
"The Trojan War was a conflict between the city-states of Greece and Troy, sparked by the abduction of Helen by Paris. The war was characterized by epic battles, heroic deeds, and divine intervention."
Foundation: What was the main cause of the Trojan War?
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Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this homework sheet on the Fall of the Trojan Empire! We hope that you have learned more about this exciting topic and have developed your critical thinking and problem-solving skills.	
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Core: Write a short essay evaluating the significance of the Trojan War in ancient history.	
Extension: Create a multimedia presentation, such as a video or podcast, that explores the Trojan War and its significance in ancient history.	

The Role of Women in the Trojan War

Women played a significant role in the Trojan War, both as characters in the epic poem and as historical figures. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
"The women of the Trojan War, such as Helen, Andromache, and Briseis, were often portrayed as strong and independent, but also as victims of the war. They were frequently used as pawns in the conflict, with their bodies and lives being used as bargaining chips between the men."
Foundation: Who was Helen and what was her role in the Trojan War?
Core: Analyze the portrayal of women in the Trojan War and evaluate their impact on the outcome of the conflict.
Extension: Research and write a short essay on the historical context of women's roles in ancient Greece and Troy, and how they were affected by the war.

The Trojan War in Art and Literature

The Trojan War has been depicted in countless works of art and literature throughout history. Choose one
of the following examples and analyze its significance:
The Iliad and The Odyssey by Homer

The Aeneid by VirgilTroy by Wolfgang Petersen (film)
Foundation: Write a short paragraph describing the example you chose and its significance in the context of the Trojan War.
Core: Analyze the themes and motifs present in the example you chose and evaluate their relevance to the Trojan War.
Extension: Create a multimedia presentation, such as a video or podcast, exploring the depiction of the Trojan War in art and literature throughout history.

The Archaeology of Troy

The site of Troy has been the subject of extensive archaeological excavations, which have shed light on the history of the city and the Trojan War. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: "The excavations at Troy have uncovered a complex and layered site, with evidence of multiple occupations and destructions. The most famous excavator, Heinrich Schliemann, uncovered a treasure trove of artifacts, including the famous Gold of Troy."
Foundation: What were the main findings of the excavations at Troy?
Core: Analyze the significance of the archaeological findings at Troy and evaluate their impact on our understanding of the Trojan War.
Extension: Research and write a short essay on the history of archaeological excavations at Troy, including the methods and techniques used and the challenges faced by the excavators.

The Legacy of the Trojan War

The Trojan War has had a lasting impact on Western culture, influencing literature, art, and film for centuries. Choose one of the following examples and analyze its significance: • The influence of the Trojan War on Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida
 The depiction of the Trojan War in film, such as Troy (2004) and Helen of Troy (1956) The use of Trojan War imagery in advertising and popular culture
Foundation: Write a short paragraph describing the example you chose and its significance in the context of the Trojan War.
Core: Analyze the themes and motifs present in the example you chose and evaluate their relevance to the Trojan War.
Extension: Create a multimedia presentation, such as a video or podcast, exploring the legacy of the Trojan War in Western culture.

Conclusion and Reflection

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Glossary of Terms

 Achilles: a Greek hero and leader of the Myrmidons Andromache: the wife of Hector and a princess of Troy Briseis: a Trojan princess and concubine of Achilles Hector: a Trojan prince and leader of the Trojan army Helen: the queen of Sparta and the cause of the Trojan War Odysseus: a Greek hero and king of Ithaca Paris: a Trojan prince and the abductor of Helen Troy: the city-state that was the site of the Trojan War Foundation: Match the terms with their definitions.
Core: Use the terms to create a short paragraph summarizing the main events of the Trojan War.
Extension: Research and write a short essay on the historical context of the terms and their significance in the Trojan War.

Bibliography

 The following sources were used in the creation of this homework sheet: Homer. The Iliad. Translated by Robert Fagles, Penguin Books, 1990. Homer. The Odyssey. Translated by Robert Fagles, Penguin Books, 1990. Virgil. The Aeneid. Translated by Robert Fagles, Penguin Books, 2006. Petersen, Wolfgang. Troy. Warner Bros. Pictures, 2004. Foundation: Write a short paragraph summarizing the main points of one of the sources.
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