

The Iliad Essay Test

Directions: Answer 2 of the following questions completely in essay format. Please use a piece of notebook paper for your response to this section.

1. Hector and Priam both clearly regret this war, but they do not force Paris to return Helen. What keeps them--or anyone--from admitting a mistake and backing down?
2. Achilles said, "Life is worth more than all the world's wealth." After hearing about Patroclus' death, Achilles claims, "I do not wish to live unless I can kill Hector with my spear." In what way has Achilles changed?
3. Throughout the story, the desire for revenge is a strong force. How does revenge control the events of this war?