

The Trojan War- Notes



- An epic is a long _____ which tells a story involving _____ *feats*.
- Events from epics come from _____ that have been passed down; they are not based on _____ fact
- Typically, epics were shared _____ through _____ and _____.
- Epics cover a long span of _____ and vast arrays of _____.
- The purpose of the epic was to spread _____ and _____ important to the culture of an area and its people.

Eris, goddess of discord, threw an _____ labeled “to the fairest” into the wedding hall to start a fight with all the goddesses. _____, son of King Priam was chosen to decide the contest. He chose the goddess _____ because he was promised _____ of Troy, the most beautiful woman in the world, who was already married to _____, King of Sparta. This started the _____ War after Paris captured Helen, who is called “_____”.

The Greeks set out for war, but faced challenges. Odysseus, smartest of the Greeks, pretended to be _____ to avoid going to war. Achilles' mother tried to dress him as a _____ to disguise him. Artemis demanded a _____ of Iphigenia, Agamemnon's daughter.

Once the war got underway, the battle raged for _____ years. More complications arose from the interventions of the gods. _____ and Athena wanted Troy destroyed as did _____ who loved the Greeks. Aphrodite, _____, Ares, and _____ all preferred Troy. Zeus ended up siding with the _____. Later, Achilles shamefully dragged _____'s body around the walls of Troy. Achilles knew he was destined to die at Troy. His mother had dipped him in the River _____ as a baby to make him invincible but forgot to dip his _____ which became his greatest weakness. The final plan of attack came from _____. They wheeled in a wooden _____ as a gift of surrender and making it appear as they left, the Trojans began celebrating. Once the Trojans were asleep, the Greeks poured out of the horse and killed the Trojans. In the end, the Greeks won the war but only about 100 of the original _____ ships were left. The men began the _____ year journey home and set out what is known as "The _____"