

Humanities 2220

**HOMER**

- A. “The first and greatest European poet.”
- B. An oral poet
- C. Lived around 850 B.C.
- D. An entertainer
- E. Created two epic poems: The Iliad and The Odyssey
- F. Characters in The Iliad

**Greeks**

Achilles  
Agamemnon  
Menelaus  
Helen  
Odysseus  
Patroclus  
Ajax

**Trojans**

Priam  
Hector  
Paris  
Andromache  
Breseis (Achilles)  
Chryseis (Agamemnon)

**Gods**

Zeus – Father of the Gods, Sky God  
Hera – Wife of Zeus, Goddess of the Hearth  
Aphrodite – Goddess of Love and Beauty  
Athena – Goddess of Wisdom and War  
Apollo – God of Prophecy and Music  
Poseidon – Brother of Zeus, God on the Sea  
Ares – God of War  
Thetis – Mother of Achilles  
Hephaestus – God of Fire, Arts, and Crafts

- G. Theme of The Iliad – The wrath of Achilles
- H. Secondary themes of The Iliad –
  - 1. Fate
  - 2. Pride
  - 3. Actions produces consequences
  - 4. Leadership
  - 5. Hardships helps mature
  - 6. Leave another man’s wife alone