

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