**Prologue to *The Iliad* Study Guide**

**The Birth of Paris**

1. Who are Paris’ parents? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did his mother dream? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the prophet suggest? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. When Paris was born, what did the king command two of his servants to do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did they do instead? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who is Cassandra? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_What gift did Apollo give her? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What does she reveal about Paris? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Judgment of Paris**

1. Who does Zeus hold a royal wedding celebration to honor? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Who does she marry? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Everyone except \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, goddess of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, was invited, but she came anyway.
3. When she was not permitted to enter the celebration, she threw a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, into the hall and announced it was a gift for the most beautiful goddess.
4. Which three goddesses wanted the honor of receiving this prize? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Zeus refused to choose among them, so he sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take the golden apple and the three goddesses to Mount Ida to have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ judge among them.
6. Each goddess promised him a gift if he would choose her. What did each one offer? Hera \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Athena \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Aphrodite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Which goddess did he choose? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. What was the problem with this “gift”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Marriage of Helen**

1. Helen’s father, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, was approached by many suitors for her hand in marriage. He was afraid to choose one for fear the chosen suitor would be attacked and thus the marriage would be destroyed.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ offered to help the king solve the problem in exchange for his daughter Penelope’s hand in marriage.
3. All the suitors were required to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they would punish anyone who tried to break up the marriage.
4. After the suitors had taken the oath, King Tyndareus chose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be the husband of Helen.

**Preparation for War: Odysseus and Achilles**

1. When Menelaus returned to Sparta and learned Helen had sailed to Troy with Paris, he called on his brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to raise an army to bring her back.
2. Kings and the previous suitors who had sworn to protect the marriage agreed to join the forces that would attack Troy.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chose not to join them because an oracle warned him he would return home, alone, twenty years later if he went to Troy.
4. When Agamemnon and Menelaus came for him, he pretended to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they used his son, Telemachus, to prove he was not.
5. Achilles’ mother, the sea goddess \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, knew her son was mortal and destined to die if he fought in the Trojan War.
6. The sea goddess tried to burn away her son’s mortality, but was stopped by her husband. A later version of the story says she dipped him into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which protected him from harm everywhere the water touched him – except where she held him by his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Achilles’ mother sent him to the palace of a king who was a friend of hers. The king dressed him as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but he gave himself away by picking up a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to protect the palace from attackers during a false alarm.

**Departure for Troy**

1. The Greek fleet was prepared to leave Aulis to sail across the Aegean Sea to Troy, but they could not leave because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The prophet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ told them that Agamemnon had offended the goddess \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by killing a deer sacred to her and then bragging that he was the better archer.
3. The only thing he could do to appease her anger was to sacrifice his most daughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Just before she was to be sacrificed, Artemis substituted the girl with a deer then carried her off to become a priestess.