

1. Name the other epic associated with Homer.
2. Name the twelve Olympian gods and goddesses.
3. What is the cause of the Trojan War?
4. How many years of the Trojan War have passed when Book 1 opens?
5. Who are Achilles' parents?
6. Why does Apollo bring plague upon the Achaeans in Book 1 of Iliad?
7. Who stops Achilles from killing Agamemnon in Book 1?
8. What does Achilles ask Thetis to persuade Zeus to do?
9. Agamemnon and Menelaus are the sons of _____.
10. "He attacked the mules first and the swift dogs; then he aimed his sharp arrows at the men, and struck again and again." – Who is referred to here? Why and whom does he attack? What is the effect of his attack?
11. For how many days does the Plague rage before the Greeks call an assembly? Who calls the assembly?
12. According to Greek belief, who sends dreams?
13. Who interprets the Plague as the wrath of Apollo? How can Apollo be appeased?
14. What is the cause of the argument between Agamemnon and Achilles?
15. Why does Achilles not kill Agamemnon when he is insulted?
16. What oath does Achilles swear when humiliated in the Assembly?
17. Who tries to mediate between Agamemnon and Achilles but fails?
18. Who leads the ships carrying Chryseis and offerings to Apollo's priest?
19. Whom does Agamemnon send to fetch Briseis from Achilles' hut?
20. How had Thetis helped Zeus once?

1. Homer is credited as the author of the epic *Odyssey* along with *Iliad*.
2. In ancient Greek religion and mythology, the twelve Olympians are the major deities of the Greek pantheon, commonly considered to be Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Demeter, Athena, Apollo, Artemis, Ares, Aphrodite, Hephaestus, Hermes, and either Hestia or Dionysus. They were called 'Olympians' because they were considered to reside on Mount Olympus.
3. Paris' abduction of Menelaus' wife Helen is the cause of the Trojan War.
4. Nine years of the Trojan War have passed when Book 1 opens.
5. Peleus and the sea goddess Thetis are Achilles' parents.
6. Apollo brings plague upon the Achaeans because they disrespected his priest Chryses.
7. Pallas Athena stops Achilles from killing Agamemnon in Book 1.
8. Achilles asks Thetis to prevail upon Zeus on his behalf so that the Trojans will be temporarily victorious, proof that the Achaeans can't win without Achilles.
9. Atreus
10. He is Apollo, the archer-god here. He attacks the Greek armies and brings plague upon them because they disrespected his priest Chryses. Mules, dogs, men die as a result of the plague.
11. The plague rages on for nine days, killing the Greek forces. On the tenth day, Achilles, the greatest of Greek warriors, calls an assembly. He is supposedly given the idea by Hera who was concerned for the Greeks.
12. Greeks believe that Zeus sends dreams.
13. Calchas, son of Thestor, tells the Greeks that Apollo is making them suffer because Agamemnon insulted his priest, did not free his daughter and refused the ransom. Apollo would not release them from the plague till they gave Chryseis back to her father.
14. Agamemnon, angry at being robbed of the girl Chryseis demands that Achilles' prize, Briseis be handed over to him. They argue over who has more influence over the Greek forces.
15. As Achilles draws his sword to kill Agamemnon, he feels the presence of Pallas Athena, the goddess of wisdom, who tells him not to kill Agamemnon but to hurt him with words. She promises Achilles that he will be rewarded with splendid gifts three times as valuable as the treasure he will lose and for his humiliation. Hence, Achilles does not kill Agamemnon, and instead insults him.
16. Humiliated by Agamemnon who threatens to take away his prize Briseis, Achilles swears that the Greeks will soon feel the need for Achilles when they are being slain by Trojan forces. They shall regret insulting the greatest of all Greek warriors, Achilles.
17. Nestor

18. Odysseus

19. Talthybius and Eurybates, Agamemnon's heralds and attendants.

20. When some of the other Olympian gods – Hera, Poseidon, and Pallas Athene had plotted to overthrow Zeus, Thetis had summoned the monster with a hundred arms Briareus (or Aegaeon) to Mount Olympus. The other gods had backed off in terror, and thus Thetis had saved Zeus.