

Book 2

- Zeus sends a message to Agamemnon via “Dream” (God) that if he fights today he will win and sack Troy.
- Agamemnon tests the Achaians. He says we should leave for home. The Danaans believe him and run to the ships. But they are stopped by Odysseus and the other generals.
- Odysseus *shames* (aidos) them and persuades them (with passion, *Pathos*) to fight.
- The armies gather.
- Catalogue of Ships:
 - Important Achaians: Ajax the greater son of Telemon (From Salamis), Ajax the Lesser (from Lochris), Diomedes from Argos, Agamemnon from Mycenae, Menalaus (Agamemnon’s brother, husband of Helen) from Sparta, Nestor from Pylos, Odysseus from Ithaca.
 - Important Trojans: Hector (and Paris), Aeneas son of Aphrodite leader of the Dardanians (ancestors to the Romans), Sarpedon and his lieutenant Glaucos from Lycia, Zelea son Pandarus.

Book 3

- Armies face off each other “like the roar of the ocean surf”.
- Paris confidently stands in front of the army but flees from Menalaus.
- Hector *shames* (aidos) Paris. Paris says he will fight Menalaus alone in single combat.
- A truce is called. Agamemnons calls it. Asks Priam to bring a black ewe and white ram.
- Priam asks Helen to describe the men: Agamemnon, Odysseus, Ajax etc.
- Priam comes to the battle. Sacrifice is made. Oaths are made: whoever wins keeps Helen. If anyone breaks the oath, battle continues to the end.
- Lines are drawn. Lots for first throw of spear a drawn. Paris wins.
- Paris throws his spear but it is broken by Menalaus’ shield.
- Menalaus throws his spear and attacks with his sword. He grabs Paris by the chin-strap to drag him back to the Achaian army. Aphrodite breaks the chin-strap and brings Paris back to his chambers in Troy.
- She (in the disguise of a maid) forces and threatens Helen to come back with her to Paris.

Book 4

- Hera told Zeus to break the truce – so Thetis’ wish could be fulfilled – and send Athena down to “use her trickery”.
- Pandarus, having made an arrow from the horns of an Ibex, shoots an arrow at Menalaus in a non-vital area (his leg).
- The soldiers clash together, shield on shield. “*They were like two great rivers rolling down the mountains that meet, frothing, in a great ravine, with a roar that can be heard by a shepherd far off in the hills.*”
- Lots of violence and death on both sides. Trojans are helped by Ares and Apollo and the Achaians (Greeks) are helped by Athena.

Book 5

- Diomedes – King of Argos – killing a lot of people, throwing a lot of javelins. *“Diomedes swept down on the Trojans like a sudden flood that bursts a dam, destroying crops and farms in its implacable surge.”*
- Pandarus (the Trojan who broke the truce) shot his arrow at Diomedes. But, it didn't injure Diomedes at all.
- Athena helps Diomedes and fills his heart with valor of his father Tydeus. More killing.
- Aeneas – the son of Aphrodite – take Pandarus onto his chariot to drive through the Greeks.
- Pandarus throws the spear at Diomedes, it goes through the shield but doesn't hit him. Diomedes throws his spear into Pandarus face.
- Aeneas attacks Diomedes. Lifts a boulder no two normal men could hoist, and throws at Aeneas' hip.
- Aphrodite intervenes and saves Aeneas from Diomedes.
- Diomedes throws his spear at Aphrodite. Ichor pours from Aphrodite's wound and she flees.
- Apollo takes Aeneas. Diomedes tries to attack Apollo. But Apollo commands him to step down.
- Ares joins the battle. Favours Hector. Diomedes' falls back. Ajax covers their retreat.
- Athena and Hera join the Battle. Athena drives Diomedes chariot.
- Athena and Diomedes attack Ares. His roars of pain fill the battlefields and flees to Zeus.
- Zeus calls him a baby and says all you every want to do is quarrel. Paieon (the healer of the gods) heals Ares.
- Hera and Athena return. No more gods on the battlefield.