

The TROYAN WAR

GLOSSARY

Anatolia,
Turkey: A city in
Western Turkey

Aphrodite:
Goddess of love
and beauty

Archaeologist:
A person who
studies
archeology

Athena:
Goddess of
wisdom and
battle strategy

Hera: Goddess
of marriage and
family

Hissarlik: A
town in
Western
Turkey, now
called Troia

Troy: An
ancient city
once located in
Western Turkey

INTRODUCTION

Explosion! **Troy** was thought to be a myth, until **archaeologist** Heinrich Schliemann met Frank Calvert, an archaeologist who believed Troy was in **Hissarlik**, a place northwest of **Anatolia, Turkey**. After meeting Calvert, Schliemann decided to investigate Troy as well and took over Calvert's operations on the property Calvert owned, and after a while digging, he stumbled upon the ruins of Troy.

THE MYTH BEHIND THE FACTS

Eris, the goddess of conflict and disharmony, was angry because she wasn't invited to Thetis, a sea goddess, and Peleus's, a mortal, wedding. Eris stormed the wedding and gave the guests an apple marked 'for the fairest'. **Athena, Hera, and Aphrodite** all wanted the apple, so Zeus went to Paris, a man from Troy, to judge. Athena promised Paris that if he picked her, he would win every

*Did You Know?
Troy's Latin
name is Troia*

Alexandra 😊 and *Cassia!* 😊



battle; Hera promised him he would rule all of Europe and Asia, and Aphrodite promised him he would marry the most beautiful woman alive.

Paris running away with Helen.



Paris chose Aphrodite, and just like she had promised, Helen, the most beautiful woman alive, fell in love with Paris and left her husband, Menelaus, King of Mycenaean Sparta, for him. When Menelaus found out she was gone, he assumed she had been kidnapped by the Trojans and declared war on Troy.

THE WAR'S BEGINNING

When Menelaus realized Helen was gone, Agamemnon, Menelaus's brother and king of Mycanae, led his troops to Troy and pillaged Troy for ten years.

Greek war heroes such as **Achilles** and **Ajax** fought bravely in the war, but over time the war was slowly being won by the Trojans.

THE END OF THE WAR

As the war raged on, there were many deaths, including Greek hero Ajax. **Hector** was killed by Achilles

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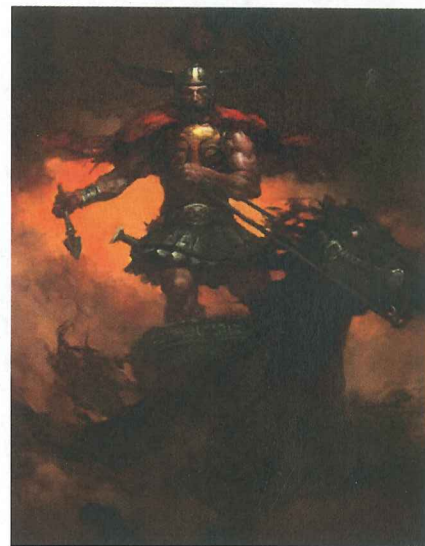
Achilles: Said to be the son of Ares, Achilles was the most famous fighter in the Trojan War. They believed he was invulnerable everywhere except his heel due to swimming in the magical River Styx.

Ajax: Son of Telamon and Peraboea. Ajax is said to be the great-grandson of Zeus.

Hector: A Trojan Prince and was the

Did You Know?
Achilles Heel means someone's point of weakness. This was named so because of Achilles's famous death.

outside the gates of Troy, which made him the best fighter in the war. Paris finally shot Achilles in the ankle and killed him, which made Achilles the most famous Greek war hero of all time, because though he was an amazing fighter, the thing that finally killed him was an arrow in his ankle.



The Greek hero Achilles.

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Dardanelles: A straight in northwestern Turkey.

Mount Ida: A mountain twenty miles southeast of Where Troy was.

Philoctetes: A famed Greek archer who was one of the soldiers chosen to hide in the Trojan Horse.

Venus: The Roman goddess of love and beauty, equivalent to the Greek god

Later Paris was ambushed by **Philoctetes**, who shot four arrows at Paris, the first missing him, the second hitting him in his bow hand, the third hit him in the left eye, and the fourth hit his ankle. Paris bled to death.

The Greeks came up with an amazing plan to take down Troy. They built a giant, wooden horse statue now known as the Trojan Horse and in the dead of night they left it at the gates of Troy. When the Trojans woke up, they thought the horse was a gift and they took it inside the gates.

When the Trojans didn't expect it, the Greeks leaped out of the horse statue where they had been hiding and attacked the Trojans, finally winning the war.

But, unknown to the Greeks, Aeneas, a Trojan said to have been the son of **Venus**, escaped the Greeks and became the first Roman.

GEOGRAPHICAL FACTS

Troy was northwest of the **Dardanelles** and **Mount Ida**, in northwest Turkey, which back then was known as Asia Minor.



TIMELINE OF GREEK WARS

The Trojan War wasn't the only war the Greeks took place in. In fact, it is one of the more recent wars, as you can see on this timeline.

600 B.C.	Punic Wars Begin
431 B.C.	Peloponnesian War Begins
404 B.C.	Peloponnesian War Ends
395 B.C.	Corinthian War Begins
386 B.C.	Corinthian War Ends
307 B.C.	Punic Wars End
214 B.C.	Macedonia Wars Begin
205 B.C.	Cretan War Begins
200 B.C.	Cretan War Ends
148 B.C.	Macedonia War Ends
89 B.C.	Mithridatic Wars Begin
63 B.C.	Mithridatic Wars End
12 B.C.	Trojan War Takes Place

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Why do you think ancient armies used bows and arrows? Write a paragraph to explain why they might have.
2. Do you think Achilles killed Hector in front of the gates of Troy on purpose, to gain more attention, or do you think it was coincidental? Explain why Achilles might do one or the other.
3. Where do you think would be the best place to hide inside the Trojan Horse [i.e. neck, leg, head, etc.] and why?
4. Why do you think Philoctetes shot Paris in the hand, foot, and eye instead of shooting him in a place where he would die quicker?

GREEK BATTLE STRATEGIES

In battle, the Greeks liked to use a battle formation called phalanx. This was where they would line up with their shields, each person protecting the person to their left with their own shield. The Greeks main battle strategy was to be offensive while still making sure their weaknesses were covered.

*Did You Know?
In Ancient Greece, soldiers
were called Hoplites*

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- Helen's husband is Menelaus
- Menelaus king of Sparta
- Eris angry because she not invited to Peleus's and Thetis's wedding
- Thetis =sea goddess; Peleus=mortal god man dude guy thing human male not lady
- Eris gives Athena Hera and Aphrodite apple marked for the fairest
- Eris is goddess of strife and discord
- Hera promised Paris power, Athena wealth, and Aphrodite the most beautiful woman alive
- Paris judged who was fairest and picked Aphrodite was
- Aphrodite makes beautiful Helen fall in love with Paris
- Agamemnon led Greek troops to attack Troy for ten years
- Agamemnon is brother of Menelaus and king of Mycenae
- Deaths included Greeks Achilles and Ajax
- Ajax son of Telamon and Periboea and half-brother of Teucer
- Trojans Paris and Hector also died
- Achilles was killed by being shot in the ankle with an arrow
- Greece won by using the Trojan Horse
- Aeneas from Troy was first Roman
- Troy was thought of as a myth
- Greeks said Troy was in Turkey near the Dardanelles
- In 1868 German archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann met Frank Calvert
- Calvert convinced Schliemann Troy was at Hissarlik
- Schliemann took over Calvert's investigations on Calvert's property

- Other wars:
- Punic wars from 600 BC-307 BC
- Peloponnesian war from 431 BC- 404 BC
- Corinthian War from 395 BC-386 BC
- Macedonia wars from 214 BC-148 BC
- Cretan War from -
- Mithridatic wars from 89 BC-63 BC
- Troy was in northwest Anatolia, Turkey
- The area around Turkey was known as Asia Minor
- Troy was northwest of Mount Ida
- Phalanx when they line up with shields
- each shield protects person to the person's left