

***Aeneid* characters**

Gods & goddesses

Jupiter / Jove (Roman names for *Zeus*): king of the gods, god of sky and thunder; decreed

Aeneas will found Roman people

Juno (Roman name for *Hera*): Jupiter's wife, goddess of marriage; enemy of the Trojans

Venus (Roman name for *Aphrodite*): goddess of love; mother of Aeneas

Iris: goddess of the rainbow; Hera's messenger

Trojans (ancestors of Romans; also called Dardans, Phrygians, Teucrians)

Aeneas: a Trojan duty-bound to found the Roman people

Ascanius / Iulus: Aeneas's son

Anchises: Aeneas's father

Greeks (also called Achaeans)

Ulysses (Roman name for *Odysseus*): a crafty Greek hero who devises the Trojan Horse

Diomedes: a Greek hero who has moved to Italy

former Tyrians, now Carthaginians

Dido: a widow from Tyre, now queen of Carthage

Latians & Italians

Latinus: king of Latium

Amata: Latinus's wife

Lavinia: Latinus's daughter

Turnus: Aeneas's rival and enemy in war; sought to marry Lavinia

Mezentius: scorner of gods and ally of Turnus

Camilla: a female warrior

Arcadians in Pallanteum

Evander: king of Pallanteum, Aeneas's ally

Pallas: Evander's son, not to be confused with Evander's ancestor Pallas (page 243), or with the goddess Pallas Athena