

***Iliad* Terms**

title

the *Iliad* (from *Ilium*, another name for Troy): the epic about Troy

values

honor (*timé*): dignity, worship (of gods), respect

glory (*kleos*): fame, renown, good things said about a person

finest hour (*aristeia*): excellence in battle (e.g., Book 5 is called the *Aristeia* of Diomedes)

guest-host relationship (*xenia*): proper treatment of guests and hosts

fighting spirit (*thumos*): what prompts someone to fight, to be angry, and to love honor

literary terms

proem: opening lines of poem, introducing main theme

in medias res (Latin): “into the middle of things”

epic simile: long passages comparing what’s happening with something else entirely

unfamiliar uses of common words

victim: sacrificed animal

car: chariot

embassy: group sent as representatives from one king to another