

HEROES**Achaean****Agamemnon**

King of Mycenae, commander of the combined Achaean forces at Troy
Known for his greed (for fame and spoils), thirst for glory, and self-absorption

Achilles

Prince of Phthia
Known for his divine parentage (his parents are the mortal Peleus and the sea nymph Thetis) and being the “best of the Achaeans,” their most skilled warrior

Patroclus

Achilles’ near and dear companion
Known for being both a skilled warrior and a kind, gentle friend and companion

Menelaus

King of Sparta, commander of the Lacedaemonean forces
Known for being the husband of Helen and for his deferential character

Helen

Queen of Sparta
Known as the wife of Menelaus, lover of Paris, daughter of Zeus and the mortal Leda, and for her extraordinary beauty

Odysseus

Prince of Ithaca
Known for his cunning, schemes, and skill at public speaking

Greater Ajax, son of Telamon

Commander of Salamis’ forces
Known for his exceptional size and strength, second only to Achilles

Lesser Ajax, son of Oileus

Commander of Locria’s forces
Known for being smaller in size and stature to Telamonian Ajax and for his skill with a spear

Diomedes

Commander of Argos’ forces
Known as one of the younger leaders and for his brash courage and skill at public speaking

Nestor

Commander of Pylos’ forces
Known as an elder among the group, for participating in the previous generation’s heroic quests, and for his wisdom, sage advice, and long stories

Tlepolemus

Commander of Rhodes’ forces
Known for being a son of Heracles

Trojans & Allies**Priam**

King of Troy, father of Hector and Paris

Hecuba

Queen of Troy, mother of Hector and Paris.

Hector

Prince of Troy
Known as the city’s most stalwart defender, the husband of Andromache and father of Astyanax, and a favorite of Apollo

Andromache

A princess of Thebe
Known as the wife of Hector, mother of Astyanax, and singer of three laments

Astyanax

Infant son of Hector and Andromache

Paris (Alexander)

Prince of Troy
Known as a favorite of Aphrodite, the lover of Helen who removed her from Sparta, fans for his good looks and eagerness to avoid battle

Aeneas

A prince of Troy
Known for his divine parentage (his father is mortal Trojan prince Anchises and the goddess Aphrodite) and for being fated to survive the fall of Troy

Glaucus

Captain of Lycia, a Trojan ally
Known for being a grandson of the hero
Bellerophon

Sarpendon

Captain of Lycia
Known as a favorite son of Zeus

Captive Women**Helen**

Queen of Sparta
Known as the wife of Menelaus, lover of Paris,
daughter of Zeus and the mortal Leda, and for her
extraordinary beauty

Chryseis

Known as a priestess of Apollo and daughter of
priest of Apollo Chryses and the war prize of
Agamemnon who he was forced to return

Briseis

Known as the war prize of Achilles who
Agamemnon confiscates after he is forced to give up
Chryseis

GODS**Zeus**

First among the immortals, god of the sky,
lightening, and related
Known for being the husband of Hera, for wanting
to end of the age of heroes, and for his promise to
Thetis that her son Achilles would be honored

On Greek Side**Hera**

Wife of Zeus, goddess of marriage
Known for holding a grudge against Troy after Paris
chose Aphrodite as the winner of a beauty contest
between her, Athena, and Hera

Athena

Daughter of Zeus and Metis, goddess of strategic
warfare, crafts, and related
Known as a patron of heroes and for holding a
grudge against Troy for same reason as Hera

Hephaestus

Son of Hera and sometimes Zeus, god of fire,
forges, weaponry, and related
Known for being disabled after being thrown from
Olympus and for forging the shield of Achilles

Poseidon

Brother of Zeus, god of the sea, earthquakes, and
related
Known for building Troy's famed walls with Apollo
and holding a grudge against the Trojans for their
king Laomedon breaking his promise of
compensation

Thetis

Sea nymph
Known as the immortal wife of Phthian king Peleus,
who she was forced to marry, and mother of
Achilles

On Trojan Side**Aphrodite**

Daughter of Zeus (or, in other traditions, the earlier
generation of gods), goddess of love, desire, beauty,
and related
Known as the protector and patron of Paris and
mother of Aeneas

Apollo

Son of Zeus and the mortal Leda (along with his
twin sister Artemis), god of prophecy, archery,
plague, healing, sun, among others
Known as a patron of Hector and dutiful son of
Zeus

Artemis

Son of Zeus and the mortal Leda (along with her
twin brother Apollo), goddess of the hunt, chastity,
innocents, among others
Known for her appearance in book 21

Ares

Son of Zeus and Hera, god of war, bloodlust, and
related
Known for inspiring works of war and rage

Xanthus (Scamandros)

River god
Known for fighting Achilles in book 21