

“The Iliad” Book 24 Study Notes

1. How does Hermes get Priam into Achilles’ camp? (1-7)
2. What does Hermes suggest Priam do to win over Achilles? (28-30)
3. In lines 74-79, what can you infer about Priam’s character?
4. In what ways are Achilles’ father and Priam similar? In what ways are they different? (52-62)
5. What images in these lines emphasis Priam’s age and frailty? (79-93)
6. How does Achilles explain good and bad fortune? How have the fortunes of his father and King Priam been similar? (105-128)
7. What does Achilles realize about the way Priam was able to enter the camp? How does he threaten Priam? (141-154)

8. Why does Achilles insist that Hector's body be hidden from Priam? (163-173)

9. In lines 179-185, what internal conflict is revealed, and how does Achilles try to resolve this conflict?

10. Priam has not been able to sleep since his son's death. What is the significance of Achilles' offering of hospitality to Priam? (232-234)

11. What conditions does Priam set for Hector's burial? (261-269)

12. How do the Trojans react to the sight of Hector's body? (311-320)

13. What does Andromache predict will happen to herself and her son? What reasons does she give for her predictions? (340-355)

14. How does Helen say most Trojans treated her? How did Hector treat her? (383-398)

15. What are the key details of Hector's funeral rites? (414-432)