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PROLOGUE:

AND A WOMAN WAS BORN...HELEN, DAUGHTER TO TYNDAREUS, KING OF SPARTA... AND A MARVEL TO MEN.

SHE IT WAS WHO BECAME AN INSTRUMENT OF THE PLAN OF ZEUS, LORD OF OLYMPUS, AND OF THEMIS, WHO IS JUSTICE.

THOSE GODS DESIRED TO RELIEVE THE OVERBURDENED GAEA-- THE EARTH--OF A SURFEIT OF MANKIND.

THUS DID GRIM WAR AND DREAD BATTLE DESTROY A MULTITUDE OF MEN...

...WHEN IT HAD BROUGHT THEM IN SHIPS OVER THE GREAT SEA GULF TO TROY FOR RICH-HAIRED HELEN'S SAKE.

As with your Holt Reader, answer the following questions on the spaces provided

1. For whom did the war start

2. According to the context clues, what must the word "Gaea" mean?

SUCH WAS HELEN'S BEAUTY AND WEALTH THAT, WHEN SHE CAME OF AGE, SHE WAS SOUGHT AS A BRIDE BY MANY SUITORS:

MENESTHEUS,
REGENT OF
ATHENS.

AJAX, SON
OF TELAMON,
KING OF
SALAMIS.

IDOMENEUS,
KING OF
CRETE.

DIOMEDES,
KING OF
SOUTHERN
THRACE.

ODYSSEUS,
KING OF
ITHACA.

PATROCLUS,
SON OF
MENOETIUS,
KING OF
PHOKIS.

TEUCER,
BEST ARCHER
OF THE
ACHAEANS.

MENELAUS,
BROTHER OF
AGAMEMNON,
KING OF
MYCENAE.

HER FATHER,
TYNDAREUS, FEARED
ROUSING DISPLEASURE
IN THOSE SUITORS
WHO WOULD NOT BE
CHOSEN AS HER MATE.

IT WAS WILY ODYSSEUS
WHO SUGGESTED THAT
SPARTA'S SOVEREIGN
BIND ALL THE PRINCES
BY AN IRON OATH.

AND SO THEY SWORE,
EACH OF THEM, TO
TAKE THE CAUSE OF
THE MAN SHE WED,
IF ANY SHOULD VIOLATE
HIS RIGHTS.

*GREEKS.

3. What is another name for the Greeks?

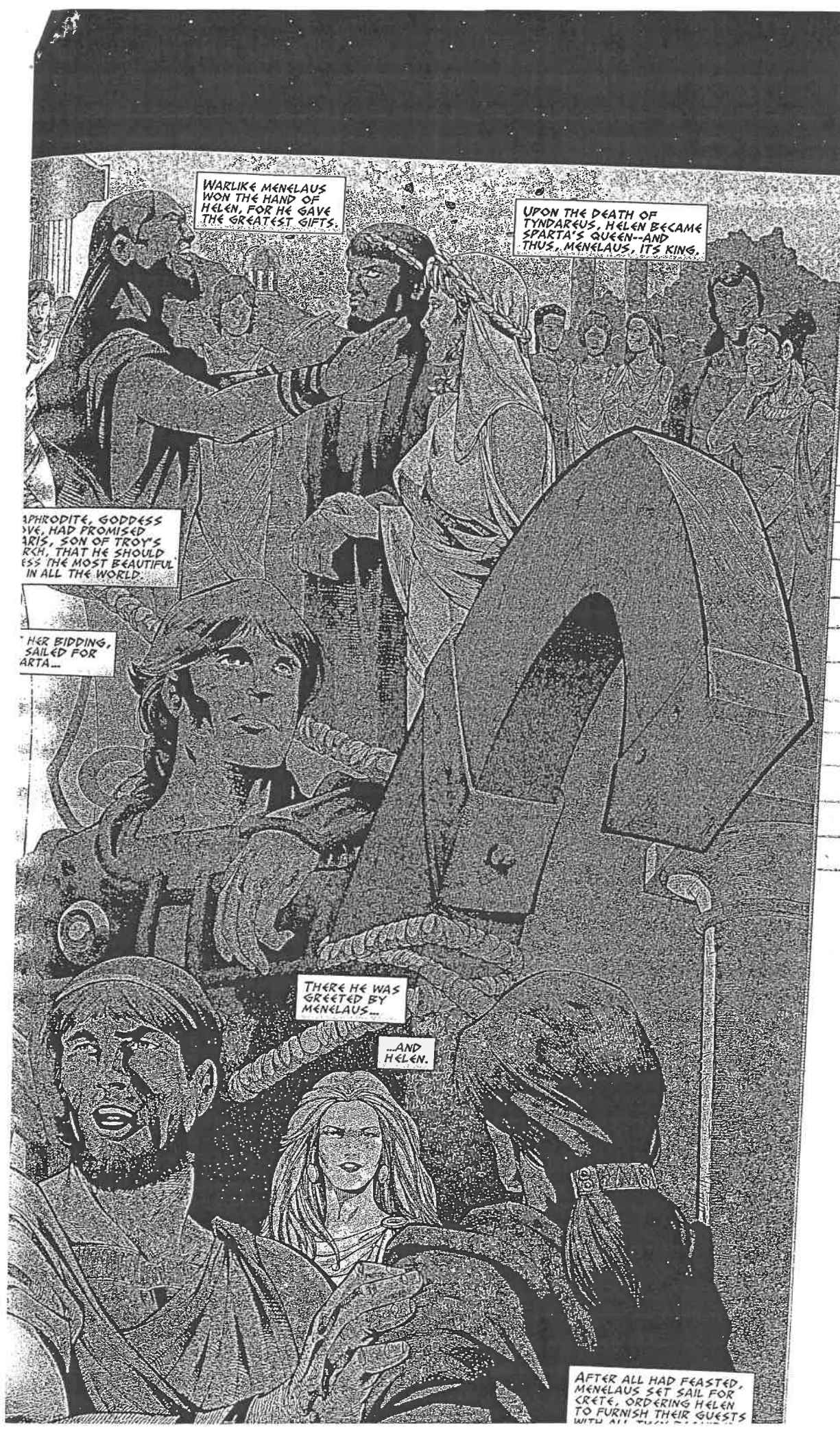
4. Why were men so interested in marrying Helen?

5. Who suggested that the men agree to accept the results of the marriage?

6. How is Odysseus described? What does that mean?

7. Who won Helen's hand in marriage?

8. What was the conflict with this marriage?



WARLIKE MENELAUS WON THE HAND OF HELEN, FOR HE GAVE THE GREATEST GIFTS.

UPON THE DEATH OF TYNDAREUS, HELEN BECAME SPARTA'S QUEEN--AND THUS, MENELAUS, ITS KING.

APHRODITE, GODDESS OF LOVE, HAD PROMISED PARIS, SON OF TROY'S KING, THAT HE SHOULD MARRY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN ALL THE WORLD.

"BY HER BIDDING," HE SAILED FOR SPARTA...

THERE HE WAS GREETED BY MENELAUS...

...AND HELEN.

AFTER ALL HAD FEASTED, MENELAUS SET SAIL FOR CRETE, ORDERING HELEN TO FURNISH THEIR GUESTS WITH ALL THE GREATEST GIFTS.

BUT APHRODITE BROUGHT HELEN AND PARIS TOGETHER...

...AND, AFTER THEIR UNION, THEY PUT A VERY GREAT TREASURE ON BOARD AND SAILED AWAY BY NIGHT.

MENELAUS IMPLORED HIS BROTHER, KING AGAMEMNON, TO LEAD AN EXPEDITION AGAINST TROY, WHICH WAS ALSO CALLED ILIUM.

TOGETHER, THEY GATHERED THE RULERS OF HELLAS, REMINDING THEM OF THEIR SACRED OATH.

THE PRIEST CALCHAS FORETOLD THAT THEY COULD NEVER BRING DOWN TROY'S TOWER WITHOUT THE AID OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS OF ALL ACHAEAN WARRIORS.

AND SO ACHILLES, SEVENTH SON OF PELEUS, KING OF THE MYRMIDONS, WAS PERSUADED TO JOIN THEIR FORCE--IN SPITE OF THE WISHES OF HIS MOTHER, THE GODDESS THETIS.

IN DUE TIME, A THOUSAND ACHAEAN SHIPS SET SAIL FROM AULIS.

←GREECE.

9. Where did Helen go? With whom?

10. What did Menelaus ask his brother to do?

11. What is another name for Troy?

12. What is another name for Greece?

13. What did the priest, Calchas, foretell?



THEN DID HER
FATHER, CHRYSSES,
PRIEST OF APOLLO,
COME...



...BEARING
IN HIS HAND
THE SYMBOL
OF APOLLO...



...UNTO THE ACHAEANS
FLEET SHIPS, UPON THE
SHORES BEFORE TROY



THE ILIAD

BY HOMER

Ye two sons
of Atreus, and
all ye Achaeans...may
the gods grant you lay
waste the city of Priam
and farē happily
homeward.

Only set
free my poor
daughter, and accept
a great ransom, in
reverence to Apollo,
son of Zeus.

18. Who was her father?

19. How might this cause a problem?

THE ILIAD

1. What did Chryses want the Greek soldiers to do?

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14. Who were the King and Queen of Troy?

PRIAM, KING OF TROY, THOUGH ANGERED BY PARIS' DISHONORABLE ACTIONS, WELCOMED HELEN TO THEIR CITY...AS DID QUEEN HECUBA.

GIVING ORDERS TO REPULSE THE ACHAEANS IF THEY SHOULD ATTACK, PRIAM RELIED ABOVE ALL UPON TROY'S TWO MOST FORMIDABLE DEFENDERS:

AENEAS, SON OF A MORTAL AND THE GODDESS APHRODITE...

15. On whom did Priam rely to win the war?

...AND PRIAM'S OWN SON, HECTOR, TAMER OF HORSES, MIGHTIEST OF ILIUM'S WARRIORS.

16. What kind of a person must Priam be? How do you know?

NOR WAS TROY WITHOUT ALLIES ABROAD, WHO SENT SOLDIERS TO GUARD HER HIGH, WINDY RAMPARTS.

WHEN THE TROJANS REBUFFED THE ACHAEANS' DEMANDS FOR THE SURRENDER OF HELEN AND HER TREASURE--WAR ENSUED.

17. Whom was captured by the Greeks?

NINE YEARS THE SIEGE ENDURED, AS THE ACHAEANS GARNERED SUPPLIES BY RAIDING NEARBY ISLANDS AND CITIES.

AND, AT THE FALL OF THESE HOLY CITY OF IETION, A MAIDEN CALLED CHRYSÆIS WAS CAPTURED.

