

Level 2-10
The Trojan Horse

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

The Trojan Horse is a story about the Trojan War.

Paris wanted to marry Helen, the beautiful wife of a Greek king, so he took her to Troy.

King Menelaus wanted his wife back. He went to Troy and attacked the city. However, the Greeks could not enter Troy because there was a strong wall around the city.

The Trojans and Greeks fought for many years because of Helen.

Finally, the goddess Athena told the Greeks to build a big wooden horse to hide in. Many soldiers hid in the horse. But the Greeks did not know how to get the horse into Troy.

A Greek soldier called Sinon had an idea. He told the other Greek soldiers to sail away in their boats. Then he told the Trojans that all the Greeks had left. He said the horse was a gift for Athena. He told the Trojans to give it to her so she would like them.

The Trojans believed Sinon. They pulled the horse into the city. Then they celebrated and went to sleep.

During the night, the Greek soldiers came out of the horse and attacked the Trojans. They killed many people and burned the city. They took Helen back to her husband.

Aeneas was one of a few Trojans who survived. He escaped the city with his father and his son. They went to a hill and watched their city burn.

Finally, the Trojan War was over.

2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-11:** Helen was a beautiful Greek woman married to King Menelaus, but Paris wanted to marry her. He took her to Troy. The king wanted his wife back so he attacked Troy.

The Greeks could not get into Troy. Then the goddess Athena told them to build a wooden horse to hide in.

► **Pages 12-17:** Some Greek soldiers got inside the wooden horse. The other soldiers left in their boats. Sinon told the Trojans that all the Greeks had left Troy, and that they should give the horse to Athena as a gift. The Trojans pulled the wooden horse inside the strong wall around Troy. They thought the war was over. They celebrated. Everyone went to sleep.

► **Pages 18-22:** While the Trojans were sleeping, the Greek soldiers came out of the wooden horse. They attacked Troy and took Helen. They killed the king and many other people. Only a few survived. Aeneas escaped the city with his father and son. They went to a hill and watched their city burn.

B. Background and Themes

★ **War:** When two groups want power or disagree about something, they often end up fighting a war. Many people die in wars. Wars are never good, but sometimes they are necessary to stop bad people from having too much power. In this story, the war was not necessary. The Greeks and Trojans were fighting over a woman. Many people died because two powerful men wanted the same woman.

★ **Gods/Goddesses:** There are many old stories in which gods and goddesses do things that affect people. Sometimes they do good things, but sometimes they interfere and cause problems. In this story, Aphrodite caused a big problem by helping Paris steal Helen. She should have found another beautiful, unmarried woman for Paris instead of a woman who was already married to a king. Athena helped the Greeks win the war by telling them to build a giant wooden horse. This helped the Greeks defeat the Trojans and get Helen back. It also ended the war.

★ **Deceit:** People often use deceit to get what they want. They lie to others to trick them. Sinon deceived the Trojans. He lied to them about running away from the Greeks. He lied to them about the Greeks leaving. He also lied to them about the wooden horse. All of his lies and deceit set the Trojans up for defeat. The Trojans should not have believed Sinon so readily, knowing he was Greek. They should never have trusted their enemy.

Answer Key

Part A. Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. He was a Roman poet.
2. It is called The Aeneid.
3. He went to Italy.

► Characters

1. Paris	2. Helen	3. Athena
<u>wanted to marry Helen</u>	<u>married to a king</u>	<u>a goddess</u>
4. Ulysses	5. Sinon	6. King Priam
<u>hid inside a wooden horse</u>	<u>lied to the Trojans</u>	<u>killed by the Greeks</u>

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Beginning: Pages 6-11

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about people fighting about something.
2. I know about the Korean War.
3. I would not like to be a soldier because it is dangerous.

B. Review Questions

1. He wanted to marry the most beautiful woman.
2. He wanted to get his wife back.
3. She told them to build a wooden horse.

► Middle: Pages 12-17

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about how the Greeks planned to get into Troy.
2. I would build tall ladders and climb over the walls.
3. I would not trust a Greek soldier because he is the enemy.

B. Review Questions

1. They hid inside the wooden horse.
2. They sailed away because they wanted the Trojans to think they left.
3. He told them to give it to Athena.

► End: Pages 18-22

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about how the Trojan War ended.
2. I would take my wallet and phone.
3. I would live with my relatives until I could get a new house.

B. Review Questions

1. They opened the city gates.
2. They took her back to King Menelaus.
3. A wooden horse ended the Trojan War.

Mini-Quiz

a. Beauty is only skin deep.

→ A person's character is more important than their appearance.

b. Children and fools tell the truth.

→ Children and fools usually say whatever they think.

c. Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

→ Do not trust your enemies.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: What are these?

B: These are shoes for my father.

5. A: What is this?

B: This is a flower for my grandma.

► Challenge

1. Paris wanted to marry a beautiful woman.
2. The Greeks built a big wooden horse.
3. The Greeks killed many people and burned the city.
4. He stood on a hill and watched Troy burn.

Part B. Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

1. d 2. a
3. g 4. b
5. f 6. c
7. i 8. j
9. e 10. h

B.

Across

1. escape 3. boat 5. rope 7. guard 9. return

Down

1. empty 2. problem 4. soldier 6. burn 8. attack

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Pages 6-11

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. F

B.

1. Aphrodite
2. King Menelaus
3. Sinon
4. Helen

C.

1. c 2. a 3. c 4. d 5. b

► Middle: Pages 12-17

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

B.

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. b

C.

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. b

► End: Pages 18-22

A.

1. F 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. F

B.

1. d 2. c 3. b 4. a

C.

1. c 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. d

Think and Write

1. marry
2. helped
3. wife
4. attacked
5. Greeks
6. wooden
7. horse
8. gift
9. burned
10. escaped

Vocabulary Review

1. prince
2. wall
3. war
4. wooden
5. boats
6. empty
7. pulled
8. cheered
9. guards
10. returned

Summary

A.

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2	4

B.

1. The strong wall kept the Greeks out of Troy.
2. The Greeks built a wooden horse.
3. The Trojans pulled the wooden horse into Troy.
4. Aeneas escaped Troy with his father and son.

Book Report

Story e → b → a → c → d