**GUIDED READING QUESTIONS**

***The Iliad*, Book IX:**

1. What is the gist of Agamemnon’s speech to his army, the Argives/Greeks? (19-32)
2. What is the jist of Diomedes’ (pronounced die-AH-muh-deez), the son of Tydeus, response to Agamemnon? Do the other Achaeans/Greeks agree with Diomedes? (36-58)

*FREE INFO! Nestor, a wise old man who senses that the previous speeches may cause the Greeks to fight among themselves, advises Agamemnon to hold a feast and listen to the advice of all his leaders. (61-92)*

1. At dinner, what course of action does Nestor suggest to Agamemnon? (122-135)
2. What is Agamemnon’s response? (137-144) What are some of the gifts that Agamemnon offers? (147-182) To whom does he promise to offer these gifts? (197)
3. What three men will deliver the gifts? (201-203)

*FREE INFO! Patroclus (pronounced puh-TROH-klus) is Achilles’ dearest friend. (245)*

1. How does Achilles greet the three “ambassadors” bearing the gifts? (244-250)
2. List the persuasive techniques/arguments that crafty Odysseus uses on Achilles. (269-371)
3. Why won’t Achilles give in? (373-460)
4. Describe the persuasive techniques and/or arguments that Phoenix uses on Achilles. (527-642)
5. How does Achilles respond? (739-756)
6. Ajax speaks to Odysseus (son of Laertes), but what is the persuasive techniques he is actually using on Achilles? (762-785)

*FREE INFO! The Myrmidons are the army that Achilles brought with him from Greece to fight in Troy. (797)*

1. What is Achilles’ response to Ajax (Son of Telamon)? (787-801)
2. How did Achilles sleep? (810-812)
3. What is Diomedes’ reaction when he learns that Achilles will not rejoin the Greeks? (850-865)

*FREE INFO! Atrides is Agamemnon. (850)*