

FACTS TO KNOW

Zeus	<i>ruler of gods and men</i>
Thetis	<i>sea nymph; mother of Achilles</i>
Peleus	<i>king of the Myrmidons; father of Achilles</i>
Hera	<i>queen of the gods</i>
Athene	<i>goddess of wisdom</i>
Aphrodite	<i>goddess of beauty</i>
Priam	<i>king of Troy</i>
Hecuba	<i>queen of Troy</i>
Paris (Alexandros)	<i>son of Priam and Hecuba</i>

EXPRESSIONS TO KNOW

“For the Fairest.” _____

What is for the fairest? _____

Who is the fairest? _____

“What is the life of one child against the welfare of all?”

Speaker: _____

Who is the child? _____

How is his life a threat to the welfare of all? _____

WORDS TO KNOW

1. Three great **urns**... _____
2. ...dark **Discord** was not among them. _____
3. ...to summon the **soothsayers**. _____
4. Their drink was **nectar**... _____
5. ...in **haughty** anger at his rejection. _____

War, like all human fortune, came to men from the gods.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Zeus marry Thetis to a mortal, King Peleus?
2. Why did the goddess Discord throw the golden apple on the table during the feast, and why did this cause a disruption?
3. Explain why Priam sent his son Paris away to die. What prevented Paris' death?
4. Why was Paris chosen by the gods to be the judge of who should receive the golden apple?
5. List the promises the three goddesses made to Paris as they tried to sway him to pick them.

Hera:

Athene:

Aphrodite:

HONOR ACTIVITIES

1. Define irony. What is ironic about the actions taken by Priam and Hecuba to protect their kingdom?
2. Discuss the Greek belief that the gods were intimately involved in all human affairs.