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# Question Support

## LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 93 of the Student Edition.

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

- 4. Analyze Epic Similes** Next to each simile from the *Iliad*, write the letter of the phrase that tells what is being compared.

\_\_\_\_\_ “As between men . . . Ares.” (lines 89–94)

**a.** a spear to a star

\_\_\_\_\_ “With this . . . whetted blade.” (lines 143–148)

**b.** wolves and sheep to warriors

\_\_\_\_\_ “Conspicuous as . . . exposed.” (lines 154–160)

**c.** Hector to an eagle

- 5. Classify Characters** Name one way that the gods affect the action in the *Iliad*.

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- 6. Interpret Characters’ Actions** Name one act of courage performed by each character.

• Achilles \_\_\_\_\_

• Hector \_\_\_\_\_

• Priam \_\_\_\_\_

- 7. Draw Conclusions** Achilles knows that he is going to die. Why doesn’t he try to change his fate? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 8. Make Judgments** Achilles loved Patroclus. Hector killed Patroclus. Is Achilles right to treat Hector the way he does? Explain your answer.

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- 9. Compare Epic Heroes** Circle one name in parentheses. Then complete the sentence.

I think (Beowulf, Achilles) is more a hero because \_\_\_\_\_

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