

Instructions: Read the entire Aeneid. Do not skip sections of the book. You need to read the whole thing in order to understand all of the motivations. Answer the following questions about books 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 12 for the AP syllabus. Your answers do not have to be in complete sentences, but some questions will require sentences or a paragraph. If you have any questions about a question, send me an email ONLY after you have tried to look it up elsewhere. Have a good summer!

Content Questions Aeneid Book 1

- 1.) What goddess opposes Aeneas?

- 2.) Two cities are mentioned in the beginning of the Aeneid. These later become bitter enemies. What are they?

- 3.) Name 4 reasons which the answer to #1 has for hating Trojans:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

- 4.) What was the crime for which Ajax the son of Oileus was punished by Athena? (Check reference book)

5. a.) Who is the King of the Winds?
b.) What bribe does the goddess offer him?
c.) What does he do for her?

- 6.) What are the winds compared to as they leave the mountain?

- 7.) What is the first action which happens to the Trojans?

- 8.) Who stops the storm?

- 9.) What is the name by which you know Ilia? (Not in book)
- 10.) How long will Julius rule?
- 11.) What race is descended from the Trojans?
- 12.) What was Julius' name originally?
- 13.) What great Roman will take his name from Julius?
- 14.) What Roman king does Juppiter mention?
- 15.) Juppiter names many Greek kingdoms, which Rome shall conquer. During the Trojan Was, who ruled: (not in the story)

Phthia (Pthia):

Mycenae:

Argos:

- 16.) Who is Quirinus?
- 17.) To what event does the description of chained Furor refer?
- 18.) Whom does Juppiter send to prepare the way for Aeneas?
- 19.) Who goes hunting with Aeneas?
- 20.) How is Venus discussed when Aeneas meets her?
- 21.) Who is Dido's husband?
- 22.) Who killed him? Why? What was his relationship to Dido?
- 23.) How did Dido learn her husband's fate?

- 24.) What does Dido do when she learns of the murder?
- 25.) How does Aeneas recognize his mother?
- 26.) To what are the Tyrians compared?
- 27.) Who was Rhesus?
- 28.) To whom is Dido compared?
- 29.) Who is Latona?
- 30.) Which Trojan first addresses Dido?
- 31.) What two things does the Trojan in #19 ask Dido?
- 32.) What third option does Dido offer?
- 33.) Aeneas has several gifts given to Dido. What are they? Who were their previous owners? What became of these women?
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
- 34.) What scheme does Venus set in motion?
- 35.) What does Dido ask Aeneas to do at the end of Book 1?

Book 2 Content Questions

- 1.) Book II has a narrator. Who is it? Whom is he addressing?
- 2.) Where does the Greek fleet hide when they build the horse?
- 3.) Who tells the people not to bring the horse into Troy and is afterwards killed by serpents?
- 4.) Who did Sinon say was his friend and comrade in arms?
- 5.) What became of this man and why?
- 6.) What did Apollo's oracle tell the Greeks they must do before they could sail home?
- 7.) Why does Sinon say that he was left behind? Does he tell the truth?
- 8.) What does Priam do with Sinon?
- 9.) Who is Calchas?
- 10.) On what goddess did the Greeks depend in the war?
- 11.) What was the Palladium?
- 12.) Why did Athena turn against the Greeks according to Sinon?
- 13.) What did Calchas say the Greeks had to do to appease Athena according to Sinon?
- 14.) According to Sinon, why did the Greeks build the horse?

- 15.) What did Sinon say would happen if the Trojans destroyed the horse?
- 16.) What did Sinon say would happen if the Trojans took the horse into Troy?
- 17.) From what island do the serpents that kill Laocoon come?
- 18.) To what is the dying Laocoon compared?
- 19.) Under whose statue do the serpents retreat?
- 20.) Who appears to Aeneas in a dream?
- 21.) In his dream, does Aeneas know that this man is dead?
- 22.) What does the vision advise Aeneas to do?
- 23.) To what was the sound of the fire compared?
- 24.) What is Aeneas' first desire when he realizes that Troy is burning?
- 25.) Does Panthus, priest of Apollo, encourage Aeneas to fight?
- 26.) Does Aeneas think the city can be saved?
- 27.) To what are Aeneas and his companions compared? Why do these animals act the way they do? What do these animals need for their children?
- 28.) Is it "natural" for Aeneas and his friends to act this way? What should they be doing for their children?
- 29.) To what are Aeneas and his friends compared when they kill Androgeus?

30.) What do Aeneas and his friends do after they kill Androgeus and his men?

31.) What tragedy happens to Aeneas and his comrades because of the Greek armor?

32.) What are the Greeks and Trojans compared to as they fight for possession of Cassandra?

33.) To what is Pyrrhus compared?

34.) By what name is Pyrrhus known to you?

35.) To what are the Greeks pouring into the palace compared?

36.) Whom does Pyrrhus kill before Priam's face?

37.) Whom does Aeneas wish to kill in a temple?

38.) Who does Venus say is destroying Troy?

39.) To what is Troy compared when Aeneas sees the vision of Venus?

40.) When Anchises refuses to leave, what does Aeneas want to do?

41.) What two omens convince Anchises to leave?

42.) What does Anchises carry with him?

43.) For whom did Aeneas search in the city?

44.) What did Creusa's ghost tell Aeneas about his journey?

THINK ABOUT, BUT DO NOT ANSWER, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

The Aeneid is a book about heroism in a changing world. Does Aeneas seem like a hero? Why or Why not?

Aeneas' mission is only revealed to him slowly. What does he learn about it in Book 2? Who tells him?

What should a responsible adult do in Aeneas' position? What are his responsibilities to Troy? To the gods? To his family?

Aeneas gives a sympathetic portrait of the Trojans. Are they Trojans really innocent victims? In what ways do they bring about their own destruction?

Content Questions Book 4:

1.) What is the name of Dido's sister?

2.) What is the name of Dido's husband?

3.) What three arguments does Anna make to persuade Dido to love Aeneas?

a.

b.

c.

4.) How does Anna suggest that Dido detain Aeneas in Carthage?

5.) In the first simile in Book 4:

a. To what is Dido compared?

b. Who is the shepherd in the simile?

c. Should shepherds be hunting?

d. What will happen to the deer?

6.) What happens to Dido's city when she falls in love with Aeneas?

7.) What proposal does Juno make to Venus?

8.) In the 2nd simile in Book 4:

a. To what is Aeneas compared?

b. Dido has been compared to a goddess in Book 1. Which?

9.) Are Dido and Aeneas really married? How do you know?

10.) How does the description of Rumor, the goddess, accurately describe gossip?

11.) Who is King Iarbas?

12.) Why is King Iarbas angry?

13.) Who is sent to warn Aeneas to leave? By Whom is he sent?

14.) Who and what is Atlas?

15.) To what is Mercury compared?

16.) To what is Dido compared when she discovers that Aeneas is preparing to leave?

a.- What is a Bacchante?

b.- What is Cithraeon?

17.) Does Dido tell the truth in her first speech to Aeneas? If she lies, what does she lie about?

18.) In Aeneas' first speech to Dido, does he tell the truth? If not, What does he lie about?

19.) What three things urge Aeneas to leave Carthage? What finally makes him act?

20.) What two threats does Dido make in her second speech to Aeneas?

21.) Whom does dido send to plead with Aeneas on her behalf? What does Dido ask for?

22.)

A.- To what is Aeneas' resolve compared?

B.- why is the tree able to survive the storm?

C.- What is/are Aeneas' roots?

23.) What kind of dreams now torment Dido?

24.) Who/what are the Eumenides?

25.) Who is Pentheus?

26.) Who is Orestes?

27.) Why should Dido be pursued by the Furies?

28.) What does Dido tell Anna she will do? Is she telling the truth?

29.) What three choices does Dido contemplate? Which one does she choose?

a.

b.

c.

30.) What advice does Mercury give Aeneas in his dream? Why?

31.) What are the four main points of Dido's curse?

a.

b.

c.

d.

32.) Dido speaks her own eulogy. she lies once. what does she say that is not true?

33.) With whose sword does Dido kill herself?

34.) Whom does Juno send to cut Dido's hair and end her life?

Book 6 Content Questions

1.) Where do the Trojans first land in Italy?

2.) What story did Daedalus use to decorate his temple to Apollo?

- 3.) Who does Achates return with?
- 4.) What does she, who Achates returned with, tell the Trojans to do?
- 5.) Describe the Sibyl when she is in a state of ecstasy/the god is possessing her.
- 6.) What does the Sibyl command Aeneas to do?
- 7.) What does Aeneas tell the Sibyl not to entrust her verses to and why?
- 8.) What is awaiting the Trojans in Italy according to Apollo?
- 9.) What does Aeneas ask of the Sibyl, after the god Apollo has left her?
- 10.) Who does Aeneas compare himself with in going to the Underworld?
- 11.) Which part of the journey to the Underworld is the hardest?
- 12.) What must Aeneas find first to go to the Underworld?
- 13.) What does it mean if Aeneas can't retrieve the bough?
- 14.) What other task must the Trojans do before Aeneas can go to the Underworld?
- 15.) Who did they have to bury?
- 16.) What come to help guide Aeneas through the woods?

17.) What do the Trojans do to the body of Misenus?

18.) Who is the ferryman of the Styx river?

19.) What shade does Aeneas first speak to in the Underworld?

20.) What does the Sibyl give to Cerberus?

21.) After having crossed the river Styx, who does Aeneas recognize in the woods? What is her response to him?

22.) Who is the Laconian woman?

23.) What lies on both sides of the divide of the path that Aeneas and the Sibyl are following?

24.) Briefly describe Tartarus:

25.) Briefly describe Elysium:

26.) Who does the Sibyl speak to and why?

27.) What was Anchises doing when Aeneas arrived?

28.) What could Aeneas not do?

29.) Why do the souls drink from the Lethe?

30.) Who does Anchises say that Aeneas will marry?

31.) What and who does Anchises show to Aeneas?

32.) What does Anchises say will be the Roman arts?

33.) What are the 2 gates?

34.) Which gate does Aeneas and the Sibyl use?

Consider but do not answer:

How is the Underworld described? How does it differ from Homer's description?

Why did Aeneas and the Sibyl leave through the ivory gate?

Why was Anchises fixated on Marcellus and the younger shade?

Book 8 Content Questions

1.) To whom did Turnus send Venulus to ask for his aid?

- 2.) What is this person doing in Italy?
- 3.) Aeneas is referred to as the heir of Laomedon. What was Laomedon's most prominent characteristic?
- 4.) What is the first simile in book 8
- 5.) A container of water was also used in a comparison in Book 7, Who was in that simile? What kind of water was it?
- 6.) What god appears to Aeneas in a dream?
- 7.) What does the god tell Aeneas he will find near the river?
- 8.) Whom is Aeneas advised to seek as allies? (Name of people and King)
- 9.) What does Aeneas do with the Sow?
- 10.) Who is Pallas?
- 11.) What reason does Aeneas give why Evander should join him?
- 12.) In whose honor is the festival in which Evander is celebrating?
- 13.) What is the origin of the festival?
- 14.) What is the origin of the Arcadians?
- 15.) What god/Titan does Evander say once ruled Italy?
- 16.) How does Evander come to Italy?
- 17.) Of what future city is Evander's home, Pallanteum, the site?
- 18.) What does Venus want Vulcan to do?
- 19.) For what great heroes in the Trojan War does Venus say Vulcan made arms?
- 20.) To what is Vulcan compared when he rises early to make armor?
- 21.) Who was once king Agylla?
- 22.) Why is he king no longer?

- 23.) What does Tarchon, leader of the Etruscans, want Evander to do? Why?
- 24.) Why does Evander refuse Tarchon?
- 25.) What does Evander pray for before Aeneas and Pallas leave?
- 26.) In general, what is carved on Aeneas' shield?
- 27.) What does Aeneas do with the shield at the end of book 8?
- 28.) What did Aeneas put on his shoulders at the end of book 2? What did it stand for?

Book 12 Content Questions

- 1.) What is Turnus compared to?
- 2.) Why does Turnus fight?
- 3.) When will Turnus and Aeneas fight?
- 4.) Who is the messenger?
- 5.) What do the Trojans and Rutulians both do before fighting?
- 6.) Who is Turnus' sister and what is she goddess of?
- 7.) What does Juno do to Turnus' sister?
- 8.) Who gives his/her name to Aeneas' city?
- 9.) Who does Juturna make herself appear as?
- 10.) What sign does Juturna show to confound the Italian troops?

- 11.) How is Aeneas injured?
- 12.) What does Venus give to Aeneas for the wound?
- 13.) Who fixes Aeneas' wound?
- 14.) What is Aeneas compared to when he returns to the field?
- 15.) Who does Aeneas seek?
- 16.) What does Juturna now do for Turnus?
- 17.) What did Venus compel Aeneas to do?
- 18.) What does Lavinia's mother do when the Trojans attack Latinus' city?
- 19.) What does Juppiter do?
- 20.) What actions do Juturna and Venus take? What are these actions similar to in the Iliad?
- 21.) Who does Juppiter send to Juturna?
- 22.) What does Aeneas see that changes his mind about Turnus?
- 23.) Who does Aeneas say strikes Turnus?

24.) How does Aeneas change through the Aeneid? Bullet point some major points: