

## **Iliad Book XVII Reading Guide**

1. What does Apollo call Hector away from and why? (80).
2. Who convinces Hector to fight for the body of Patroclus and why? (160ff).
3. Why does Hector don the Armor of Achilles?
4. Where did this armor come from?
5. What is Zeus' judgment upon Hector?
6. What is interesting about Zeus' behavior around 308 in light of Book 16 round 750?
7. Who gets into the action around 380, god and man?
8. How does the fight change at 410?
9. How long is this fight lasting? (446)
10. Why is Achilles confident in Patroclus' safety?

11. What is special about the horses of Achilles? (510) What happens that also happens at (230)?
  
12. What two gods are fighting through the heroes at 660?
  
13. What motivates Hector at line 670?
  
14. Do you think the line at 710 is true? Are Ajax and Menelaus actually blind?
  
15. What is the substance of the prayer to Zeus of Ajax?
  
16. What is the main message that must get to Antilochus?