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## Reading Notes

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

\*Vocabulary words with an asterisk are Mastery Words and will appear in the tests.

## Vocabulary

Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

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. \_\_\_\_\_

## Comprehension Questions

Answer the following in complete sentences.

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?

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5. List the promises the three goddesses made to Paris as they tried to sway him to pick them.

Hera: \_\_\_\_\_

Athene: \_\_\_\_\_

Aphrodite: \_\_\_\_\_

## Quotations

*"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? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the Greek belief that the gods were intimately involved in all human affairs.

## Enrichment

1. Look up "haughty" in the dictionary, and write out its complete definition, its alternate forms, and 2-3 synonyms. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Define "irony." What is ironic about the actions taken by Priam and Hecuba to protect their kingdom?

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