

Unit 2 - Classwork 4: Homer's *Iliad*

In order to help you answer these questions, see pages 36–40 in Unit 2.

1. Homer's *Iliad* is set in the legendary Trojan War, and its protagonist is the hero Achilles. In the *Iliad*, why did the craftsman god Hephaestus make a new set of armor for Achilles?
2. On the Shield of Achilles, Hephaestus made a map of the universe, and his map had two parts: the sky (or the heavens) and everywhere below the sky. According to Homer, what encircled all of the land below the sky? (Hint: How is the map on the Shield of Achilles similar to the Babylonian Map of the World?)

3. On the Shield of Achilles, Hephaestus made a map of the universe, and his map had two parts: the sky (or the heavens) and everywhere below the sky. Below the sky, Homer describes a kind of water cycle, in which one body of water flows into another body of water. The three kinds of bodies of water that Homer considers are the rivers, the seas, and the ocean. Which flows into which?

(i) The rivers flow into _____.

(ii) The ocean flows into _____.

(iii) The seas flow into _____.

4. On the Shield of Achilles, Hephaestus made a map of the universe, and his map had two parts: the sky (or the heavens) and everywhere below the sky. On the Shield of Achilles, which six heavenly bodies up in the sky were depicted?

(i) _____.

(ii) _____.

(iii) _____.

(iv) _____.

(v) _____.

(vi) _____.

5. According to Homer, the Trojan War ended a few days (or a few weeks) into the *tenth* year of the war. Hence according to him, how *full* years (or *whole* years) did the Trojan War last?