

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

2 p.m. at Erlis Wickersham's house

Discussion Questions

1. Who was Homer? Of what tradition(s) is he representative?
2. What should we know about ancient Greek history to help us understand this text?
3. What can we say about the form of the *Iliad*?
4. How much time elapses during this story? Does your answer contribute to your understanding of the book in any way?
5. Let's discuss the personalities of the main characters and their significance for the action.
6. What is the major conflict here?
7. Is Achilles justified in refusing to fight for the Greeks?
8. What roles do the gods play in *The Iliad*?
9. What is your opinion of Patroclus's decision to masquerade as Achilles?
10. Let's talk about the actions of Hector and Priam, other Trojans in the story.
11. Is Achilles's treatment of the body of Hector justified?
12. What do you think of the way the story ends?