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Aeneid Book 1

**Why does Juno hate the Romans?**

1. A new race would spring from the Trojans and one day destroy Carthage, her favorite city
2. Paris’ judgment spurned her
3. Juno hates the race that sprang from Dardanus, son of Jupiter and Electra
4. Ganymede, the Trojan youth, who was made cupbearer of the gods and receiver of many honors

**Summary**

Juno asks Aeolus to send the winds to cause a storn to shipwreck the Trojans. She offers him the nymph Deiopeia as a bribe. He creates storm which shipwrecks Aeneas and the Trojans at Cartahge. Neptune calms the storm and rebukes the winds. Triton and Cymothoe, a sea nymph, dislodge Aeneas’ ships from the rocks. Aeneas tries to rally the men. Achates starts the first fire. Aeneas and Achates kill seven deer to feed each of the ships. Venus scolds Jupiter because he didn’t fulfill his promise that from the Trojans there would spring the mighty Roman people. Jupiter soothes her and reveals that Aeneas will wage war in Italy and overcome the Latins, establish the city of Lavinium, and Ascanius Julus will found Alba Longa whose descendants shall rule for 300 years until Ilia will bear the twins Romulus and Remus. Jupiter sends Mercury to inspire Dido sympathy for the Trojans. AS Aeneas and Achates explore the land, Venus, in the form of a huntress, comes to Aeneas and tell him that he is at Carthage, urging him to go to her palace. Carthage was founded by Dido, who came from Tre after her cruel brother Pymalion had slain her husband Sychaeus. The citadel is called Byrsa, because the city had as much territory as Dido could cover with an oxhide. Venus covers Aeneas and Achates in a dark mist and sends them into the city. Aeneas sobs when he sees the scens of the Trojan War in the Temple of Juno. All the losts ships except the one commanded by Orontes return. Illioneus addresses Dido and requests help rebuilding their fleet. Dido promises to send them to Sicily. Aeneas emerges from the cloud and expresses his gratitude to Dido. Cupid, disguised as Ascanius, inspires Dido love for Aeneas. Dido invites the Trojans to a banquet. Iopas, the bard, entertains the Aeneas with a song of the labors of the sun, origins of men and beasts, and the elements. Dido asks Aeneas to tell the story of his travels.

**Characters of Mention**

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| Aeolus | Guardian of the winds |
| Deiopei | Nymph, wife of Aeolus |
| Achates | Right hand man of Aeneas |
| Ascanius | Son of Aeneas, founder of Alba Longa |
| Pygmalion | Brother to Dido, slayer of Sychaeus |
| Sychaeus | Husband to Dido, slayed by Pymalion |
| Iopas | Palace Bard at Carthage |
| Orontes | Commander of only ship that did not return to Aeneas |

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Aeneid Book 2

**Summary**

Aeneas tells the story of Troy’s last days. The Greeks leave the Trojan horse allegedly as an offering to Minerva and pretend to sail home. They actually sail to the island TEnedos. Thymoetes advocates for bringing the horse into the city. Capys demands that it be cast into the sea. Laocoon, Apollo’s priest, warns them against Greek treachery. Sinon, a Greek spy, convince the Trojans to bring the hrose into the city. Laocoon and his sons are killed by seas serpents. AS Aeneas slept, Hector comes to him and urges him to save himself as Troy is destroyed and take the Penates, the Trojan gods, to a new land. Panthus, a Trojan priest of Apollo, appears before Aeneas carrying the holy vessels and laments Troy’s destruction. Aeneas encourages the Trojans to fight. Androgeos, a Greek, mistakes them for comrades and is killed. Coroebus, a Trojan, adorns his armor. Corebus is killed trying to save Casandra as she is dragged out of the temple. Pyrrhus, Achille’s son, killed Polites in front of Priam and then kills PRiam. Anchises refuses to retreat but he saw a flame atop Ascanius’ head and accompanies Aeneas. Aeneas carried his father on his back, held Ascanius by hand, and Creusa was to follow behind them. Creusa makes Aeneas promise to protect Ascanius and find a new wife if she dies. When Aeneas reaches the shrine of Ceres, he realizes that he has lost Creusa. Aeneas goes search but he only sees her ghost and it tells him that she was to die at Tory and he must wander, searching for his destined home. Aeneas leads the Trojan survivors to Mt. Ida.

**Characters of Mention**

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| **Pyrrhus** | Son of Achilles, killer of Polites and Priam |
| **Creusa** | Wife of Aeneas |
| **Anchises** | Father of Aeneas |
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Aeneid Book 3

**Summary**

First stop after Troy is Antander to build a fleet of ships. After which, they sail to Thrace. Aeneas prepares to offer sacrifices, but then Aeneas sees blood at the roots of the tree and the tree speaks with the spirit of Polydorus, the son of Priam who was sent to Thrace to be safe. Polydorus was killed by a Thracian king after fall of Troy. The Trojans hold a funeral for Polydorus, then they depart. To Delos they go, under Apollo’s advice to go to the land of the ancestors. Anchises came from Crete, which Teucrus rules. They begin building a city at Crete but a plague strikes and the Trojan Gods appear to Aeneas in a dream saying Anchies is wrong; they must go to Italy, the home of Dardanus. On their way to Italy, a storm forces them to land at Strophades, the Harpies’ Islands. The Trojans kill goats and cows and prepare a feast. The Harpies attack and a Harpy says: you are destined for Italy, but will not build a city until forced to eat your tables. The Trojans make offerings at Leucata at shrine of Apollo. They now travel to Buthrotum in Chaonia where Helenus is king. Helenus and Andromache were taken by Pyrrhus but Helenus seized power when Pyrrhus was killed. Andromache tells the story of their captivity. Helenus tells them to be careful. Andromache tells them to avoid shortcuts and take the long way around Sicily. (Scylla and Charbdis) The Trojans rest on a Sicilian beach and they meet a stranger, a crew member of Ulixes and tells them of his escape. They escape as Polymphemus and other Cyclopes approach. Anchises dies at Drepanum.

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Aeneid Book 4

**Summary**

Dido confesses to Anna her love for Aeneas. Anna urges her to yield to her passion despite her vow to Sychaecus, with which she had previously spurned the Gaetulian prince Iarbas. Juno helps to unite the pair by creating a storm while the two are hunting. The two seek shelter in the same cave and they make love there. Dido calls her affair a marriage. (Iarbas curses them when he finds out) Jupiter sends Mercury to remind Aeneas of his duty. Aeneas determines to leave but finds it hard to tell Dido. Mercy comes once more and encourages him to leave. “A fickle and an ever changing thing is a woman” As Aeneas is leaving, Dido curses him and prays that an avenger may rise from her ashes to wage war on his race. She ask Barce to fetch Anna and have her bring the necessary sacrifices. She mounts on her funeral pyre and falls on a sword. Anna rushes to her side but it is too late. Juno sends Iris to free Dido’s soul by cutting her hair.

**Characters of Mention**

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| **Barce** | Dido’s nurse |
| **Anna** | Dido’s sister |
| **Iarbas** | Gaetulian prince who is in love with Dido |
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Aeneid Book 5

**Summary**

Trojans are driven back to Sicily but are welcomed King Acestes who hosts the funeral games for Anchises. Cloanthus wins the ship race. Gyas throws Menoetes overboard for poor steering. Portunus hears the prayers of Cloanthus and helps him to victory. Euryalus wins the footrace. Nisus slips in the blood of a sacfrificial animal and then trips Salius. Entellus defeats Dares in the boxing match. Achestes wins the archery contest when his arrows bursts into flames. Aeneas tells Epytides, the guardian and companion of Ascanius to fetch him for the equestrian games. While the games are happening, Iris, as Beroe, is sent by Juno to incite the Trojan women to burn the ships. Aeneas prays to Jupiter and he sends rain to extinguish the fire and only four ships were destroyed. Nautes advises Aeneas to leave the elderly on Sicily. Anchises appears to Aeneas in a dream and tells him to visit him in the Elysian Fields. While sailing away, Somnus, as Phorbas, appears to Palinurus, and lulls him to sleep, which causes him to fall overboard. Palinurus is the price for a voyage to the underworld.

Aeneid Book 7

**Summary**

Caieta dies and is buried on the coast of Italy. The Trojans land on the Tiber. King Latinus lives on the Tiber and has a daughter named LAvinia and wife named Amata. LAvinia has been arranged to marry Turnus but a prophecy decreed that she would marry a stranger. When the Trojans land, they prepare a meal. Aeneas sends envoys to King Latinus for a peaceful reception. Juno calls Alecto to visit Amata and incite anger against the Trojans. Allecto, as Calybe, incites Turnus and the Rutulians to battle. While Ascanius is hunting, Allecto fills the dogs with frenzy, and they chase a royal stag. Turnus demands war with the Trojans which Latinus refuses.

Aeneid Book 8

**Summary**

Latinus sends Venulus to seek help from Diomedes. Tiberinus, the Tiber’s god, appears to Aeneas in a dream and tells him that he has reached his destined home. Evander, ruler of Pallanteum, receives Aeneas warmly and tell him about the annual festivities in honor of Hercules. Venus persuades Vulcan to forge armor for Aeneas. Evander sends Pallas with Aeneas to ask assistance from Etruscans to drive out Mezentius. Aeneas receives Vulcan’s shield.

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Aeneid Book 9

**Summary**

Turnus sets the Trojan fleet on fire. Cybele transforms the ships to nymphs. Nisus and Euryalus raid the Rutulian camp. Nisus kills Rhamnes, the best augur of Latinus. Volcens pursues Nisus and Euryalus but is killed by Nisus who is then killed by various Latins. The next morning, the Rutulians put the heads of Nisus and Euryalus on spears and display them. The following morning, the Rutulians attack the Trojans. Ascanius kills Numanus Remulus. Pandarus and Bitas open the gates and allow the Trojans to enter the camp. Turnus kills Bitias. Turnus leaps from the walls and into the Tiber.

Aeneid Book 10

**Summary**

Jupiter convokes the gods. Venus speaks for the Trojans and Juno against. The Rutulians besiege the Trojan gates. Aeneas returns to the camp, having gained backing from Tarchon. Cymodoce tells Aeneas what had happened while he was gone. Both Pallas and Lausus urge their men to fight bravely. Turnus and Pallas fight. Pallas prays to Hercules for help but Hercules weeps knowing that he must die. Turnus kills Pallas and takes his belt. Aeneas kills Magus as he is prostrated. Juno, as Aeneas, lures Turnus off the battlefield to save him. Aeneas wounds Mezentius. Lausus tries to save him but Aeneas wounds him as well. Mezentius asks Aeneas for a proper burial.

Aeneid Book 11

**Summary**

Aeneas creates a trophy for Mars with the arms of Mezentius. Aeneas holds a funeral for Palas. Drances blames the war on Turnus. Venulus informs the Latins that Diomedes will not fight another war. Camilla is slain by Arruns and her attendant Opis kills Arruns.

Aeneid Book 12

**Summary**

Turnus announces he will fight Aeneas in one-to-one combat. Aeneas and Latinus agree to terms of peace. Juturna, as Camers, incites the Latins. Tolumnius restarts the war by hurling a spear which kills an ally of the Trojan. Aeneas is wounded and leaves the battlefield. Iapyx tries to heal him but only hurts him more. Venus creates a solution. Aeneas returns to the battle. Juturna, as Metiscus, drives Turnus away from Aeneas. Amata hangs herself. Aeneas wounds Turnus and would have speared him if he didn’t see Pallas’ belt. Aeneas stabs his sword into Turnus’ breast and kills him.

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Aeneid Book 6

**Summary**

The Trojans reach Cumae, home of Deiphobe. Aeneas climbs the hill to the temple of Apollo and consults the Sibyl who tells him that the Trojans will remain Italy and they will conquer the land after a war. Aeneas asks the Sibyl to lead him to the Underworld. The Sibyl responds by telling him he must first bury his trumpeter Msenus who was drowned by Triton. Deipohbe and Aeneas reach Styx and see Palinurus to whom Aeneas promises to bury him. Sibyl sedates Cerberus and the two enter Hades. The two now see a series of damned people. Firstly, those who died as babies, secondly the people who were charged with false accusations, thirdly those who committed suicide, and lastly those who died of heartache. Aeneas convers with Deiphobus who tells him how he was killed by Helen and Menelaus. Aenas and Sibyl go to the Elysian Fields. Musaeus’ shade leads them to Anchises. Anchises tells a prophesy about Rome’s future: Silvius will be borne by the union of Aeneas and Lavinia. Romans of the future appear including Marcellus. The two false shades exit through the ivory gates because only true shades exit through the horned gates.