

The Iliad

Homer

What does Achilles reveal about his values when he describes a choice between long life and lasting fame?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Achilles names his two futures
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION Book IX

START My mother Thetis tells me that there are two ways in which I may meet my end. END whereas if I go home my name will die, but it will be long ere death shall take me.

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THE MOVE

Compare values when a character must choose between incompatible goods

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Achilles names two futures that cannot be combined: a long life without lasting fame or an early death with immortal glory. Because both futures contain a gain and a loss, the choice reveals which value he is willing to sacrifice.

MARK

Create two columns: LONG LIFE and LASTING FAME. Place each benefit and cost Achilles names under the correct future. Star the cost he seems most willing to accept.

NOTICE

- What does each future offer Achilles?
- What does each future take away?

- Which loss appears more tolerable to him, and what does that reveal about his values?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What does Achilles reveal about his values when he describes a choice between long life and lasting fame? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What does Achilles reveal about his values when he describes a choice between long life and lasting fame? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Achilles values lasting fame enough to accept a shorter life. By naming two futures that each contain a gain and a loss, he reveals which good he is willing to sacrifice.
EVIDENCE	Set the long-life/no-glory future against the short-life/lasting-fame future and identify which loss he accepts.
WATCH FOR	Do not say Achilles simply prefers death. He chooses between incompatible goods, not between life and nothing.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Create two columns: LONG LIFE and LASTING FAME. Place each benefit and cost Achilles names under the correct future. Star the cost he seems most willing to accept.
2. NOTICE - What does each future offer Achilles? What does each future take away? Which loss appears more tolerable to him, and what does that reveal about his values?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: What does Achilles reveal about his values when he describes a choice between long life and lasting fame?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.