

The Iliad

Homer

How does Priam make Achilles see an enemy father's grief as connected to his own father's love?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Priam makes Achilles think of his father
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

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THE MOVE

Use analogy to cross an enemy boundary

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Priam cannot overpower Achilles, so he creates recognition through analogy: Achilles is asked to imagine his own father suffering as Priam suffers. The comparison crosses the enemy boundary by making grief familiar before asking for mercy.

MARK

Underline Priam’s references to Achilles’ father. Circle the details of Priam’s own losses. Draw lines connecting the two fathers’ situations and star the connection that most changes Achilles’ response.

NOTICE

- What identity does Priam ask Achilles to inhabit besides warrior and enemy?
- Why is thinking about his father more powerful than simply hearing Priam list his dead sons?

- How does analogy create sympathy without erasing the fact that the men are enemies?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Priam make Achilles see an enemy father's grief as connected to his own father's love? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: How does Priam make Achilles see an enemy father's grief as connected to his own father's love? 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	Priam makes Achilles imagine his own father in the position of a grieving enemy. The analogy converts abstract pity into a familiar family relationship, allowing shared grief to cross the enemy boundary.
EVIDENCE	Use Priam's references to Peleus, his own dead sons, and Achilles' changed emotional response.
WATCH FOR	Do not say Priam persuades Achilles merely by begging. Explain why the father-to-father analogy changes how Achilles sees him.
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

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2. **NOTICE** - What identity does Priam ask Achilles to inhabit besides warrior and enemy? Why is thinking about his father more powerful than simply hearing Priam list his dead sons? How does analogy create sympathy without erasing the fact that the men are enemies?
3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: How does Priam make Achilles see an enemy father's grief as connected to his own father's love?
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.