

## **Aeneas Study Questions**

### **Prologue – The Judgement of Paris**

1. Who made the prophecy that Paris would bring destruction to Troy?
2. Why did Queen Hecuba decide to exile Paris?
3. Who informed Paris that he must decide the contest?
4. Among what three goddesses (Roman) was Paris forced to choose? What did each offer him?
5. Who led the surviving Trojans out of the burning city? Who was his mother?

### **Ch. 1 – Aeneas at Carthage**

1. Why does Juno hate the Trojans?
2. What force was said to be stronger than the gods?
3. Who was the mortal father of Aeneas?
4. Whom does Juno ask to create a storm in order to destroy Aeneas and his ships?
5. Who is Aeneas' faithful companion?
6. Whom does Jupiter tell Venus will be a descendant of Aeneas and will found Rome?
7. What is the name of Aeneas' son? What is his other name?
8. Who is the Queen of Carthage?
9. At what city was Pygmalion, Dido's brother, the king?
10. What does Venus do to ensure that Aeneas is well treated by Dido?

### **Ch. 2 – The Last Hours of Troy**

1. What is the subject of Book II of Vergil's Aeneid?
2. What priest of Neptune warned the Trojans against the horse?
3. What is the name of the Greek "spy" who convinced the Trojans to take the horse into the city?
4. Who screamed a warning of doom about the horse?
5. Who appeared to Aeneas in a dream and warned him to leave Troy?

6. What Greek warrior butchered King Priam before the altar?
7. Who was Aeneas' wife? Did she escape with him?

### **Ch. 3 – The Wanderings of the Trojans**

1. Upon leaving Troy, where did Aeneas first attempt to found a settlement?
2. Who warned Aeneas against settling there?
3. At Delos, what did the oracle of Apollo tell Aeneas?
4. Whom do Aeneas and Anchises initially think the ancestor is? Where was he born?
5. Who reveals to Aeneas that the “first mother” is Italy, the land of Dardanus?
6. Who was Aeneas' steersman/helmsman?
7. What monsters did Aeneas encounter at the Strophades? Who was their leader?
8. What Trojan woman did Aeneas meet in Buthrotum? To whom was she then married?
9. What priestess did Helenus instruct Aeneas to seek out in Italy?
10. On what island did Aeneas find both a member of Ulysses' crew and the Cyclops, Polyphemus?
11. Who died when Aeneas reached Drepanum on the west coast of Sicily?

### **Ch. 4 – The Tragedy of Queen Dido**

1. Who was Dido's trusted sister?
2. What is the name of Dido's dead husband?
3. What “monster” spread news of a shocking scandal through the tribes of Africa?
4. What son of Jupiter prayed to his father to do something about Aeneas? What did Jupiter do?
5. What reason does Aeneas give Dido for leaving?
6. What happens to Dido at the end of Book IV of the Aeneid?

### **Ch. 5 – The Trojans Arrive in Sicily**

1. Who welcomed Aeneas with hospitality in Sicily?
2. Whose ship won the boat race?
3. Who won the foot race?
4. Who won the boxing match with Dares?
5. What was the final contest?
6. In whose guise did Iris appear to the Trojan women?
7. Whom did the ghost of Anchises instruct Aeneas to seek out in Italy?
8. Whom did sleep (somnus) cause to fall overboard on the way to Italy?

## **Ch. 6 – Aeneas in the Land of the Dead**

1. What priestess of Apollo leads Aeneas to the Underworld?
2. What must Aeneas find in the woods as a token of passport through the Underworld?
3. Who escorts the dead across the river Styx?
4. What watch dog did the Sibyl subdue with a sleep induced biscuit?
5. What son of Priam did Aeneas meet in the Underworld?
6. In what part of the Underworld does Aeneas find Anchises?
7. When Anchises describes the Romans to Aeneas, who does he say will rule over a Golden Age?

## **Ch. 7 – The Trojans come to Latium**

1. Who ruled over the Laurentes in Latium?
2. From what god was he descended?
3. Who was his only child?
4. What Rutulian chieftain wanted to marry Lavinia?
5. Latinus' father told him not to marry his daughter to Turnus, who was his father?
6. Who suggests to Ilioneus that Lavinia marry Aeneas ?
7. What creature does Juno send to “shatter the peace in Latium”?
8. What leader of the Etruscans came to help Turnus?
9. What Volscian woman came to help Turnus?

## **Ch. 8 – Aeneas Seeks Help From Evander**

1. Who tells Aeneas in a dream that Iulus will build a city where he finds a white sow with 30 piglets?
2. What will be the name of the city?
3. Who was the King of Pallanteum?
4. Who is Evander's son?
5. What monster did Hercules drive out of Pallanteum?
6. Who made armor for Aeneas?
7. Where is Vulcan's “smithy” or workshop?
8. What part of Aeneas' armor depicted future events in the history of Rome?

### **Ch. 9 – Turnus Attacks the Trojan Camp**

1. Who appeared to Turnus and convinced him to attack the Trojans?
2. What two young men decided to leave camp and find Aeneas?
3. What happened to them?
4. Which Trojan killed the braggart soldier Numanus?
5. What Trojan warrior did Turnus kill with an arrow?
6. Who was his brother?
7. How did Turnus escape from the Trojan camp?

### **Ch. 10 -- Aeneas Joins the Battle**

1. At the council of the gods, what does Jupiter decide?
2. Whom did Turnus kill?
3. What did Turnus take when he killed him?
4. What Latin, crying for mercy, did Aeneas kill?
5. Who took command of the Latin army after Turnus was carried away in a ship?
6. Who tried to save his father, Mezentius?
7. How does Book X of Vergil's Aeneid end?

### **Ch. 11 – Turnus is Challenged**

1. What does Aeneas instruct the messengers to tell Latinus?
2. What Greek warrior who fought at Troy refused to fight against Aeneas?
3. What warrior woman, ally of Turnus, was killed during the battle?
4. Who killed Camilla and what happened to him?
5. Who was Camilla's patron deity?

### **Ch. 12 – The Final Duel**

1. Who was Turnus' chariot driver?
2. To whom did Juno say "I have done all I can, but the Fates are too strong for me."
3. What does Aeneas vow to name his new city?
4. At the end of the battle, what is Juno's final request to Jupiter?
5. Why does Aeneas not spare Turnus' life?

## **Epilogue – The Founding of Rome**

1. What was the name of the city founded by Iulus?
2. Who forced Numitor out of Alba Long?
3. Who was the father of both of these men?
4. Who was Numitor's only daughter?
5. How did Amulius attempt to prohibit Rhea Silvia from marrying?
6. Who was the father of two children by Rhea Silvia?
7. What creature suckled the twins as if they were her cubs?
8. What shepherd found the twins, Romulus and Remus, and raised them?
9. What omens did Romulus and Remus see and how did they interpret them?
10. How does the conflict between Romulus and Remus end?