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## Student Journal

# The Trojan Horse

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### Reading Schedule

Group members: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>The Trojan Horse</i>	Student Journal	Due Date	Discussion Date
Introduction	Pages 2-4		
Pages 12-33	Pages 5-6		
Pages 34-51	Pages 7-8		
The Exchange			
Assessment			

**THE EXCHANGE**

**When is a risk  
worth taking?**



# Introduction

Read the Introduction on pages 9–10 in *The Trojan Horse*. The Introduction will help you understand key concepts in the book. Knowing them will help you discuss and write about the book.

The Introduction includes information about

- the Greek myth that inspired the graphic novel, *The Trojan Horse*
- scholars' different views about the poet Homer and the history of the Trojan War
- how the Trojan War begins in Greek mythology

After you read the Introduction, answer these questions to check your understanding.

1. Which Greek myth served as the source of inspiration for *The Trojan Horse*? According to some scholars, which author first wrote a version of this myth?

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2. Why do scholars disagree over who wrote the story of the Trojan War?

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3. According to Greek mythology, how did the Trojan War begin?

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# Introduction: Key Concepts

## Definition Map

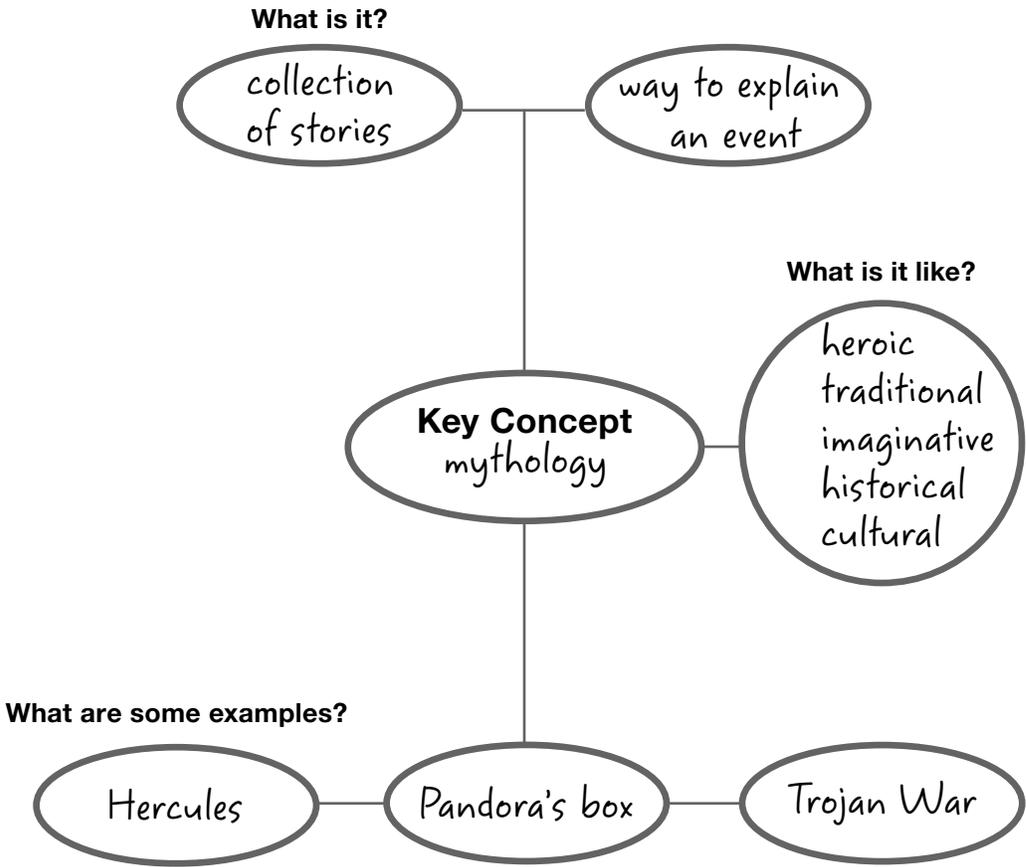
Study the **Definition Map** for *mythology*. Write a sentence using the word *mythology*.

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<b>Key Concepts</b>
betrayal
cautious
consequence
mythology
strategy

## Definition Map



On a separate sheet of paper, create a similar **Definition Map** for each of the **Key Concept** words. Write a sentence for each one.

## Respond to Pages 12–33

1. **Personal Response** Odysseus plans a clever way to end the war with the Trojans and allow the Greeks to return home. What strategies do you use in your own life to help you succeed?

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2. **Cause and Effect** What are the consequences of the Greeks' pledge to defend Helen? Use the word *consequence* in your response.

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3. **Character** The Trojans do not listen to Cassandra's and Laocoön's warnings about the horse. Why do they believe Sinon, who is an enemy, instead? What does this show about the Trojans?

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4. **Generate Questions** Write a question about this section for someone else reading this book. Exchange questions with them. Do you agree with their answer?

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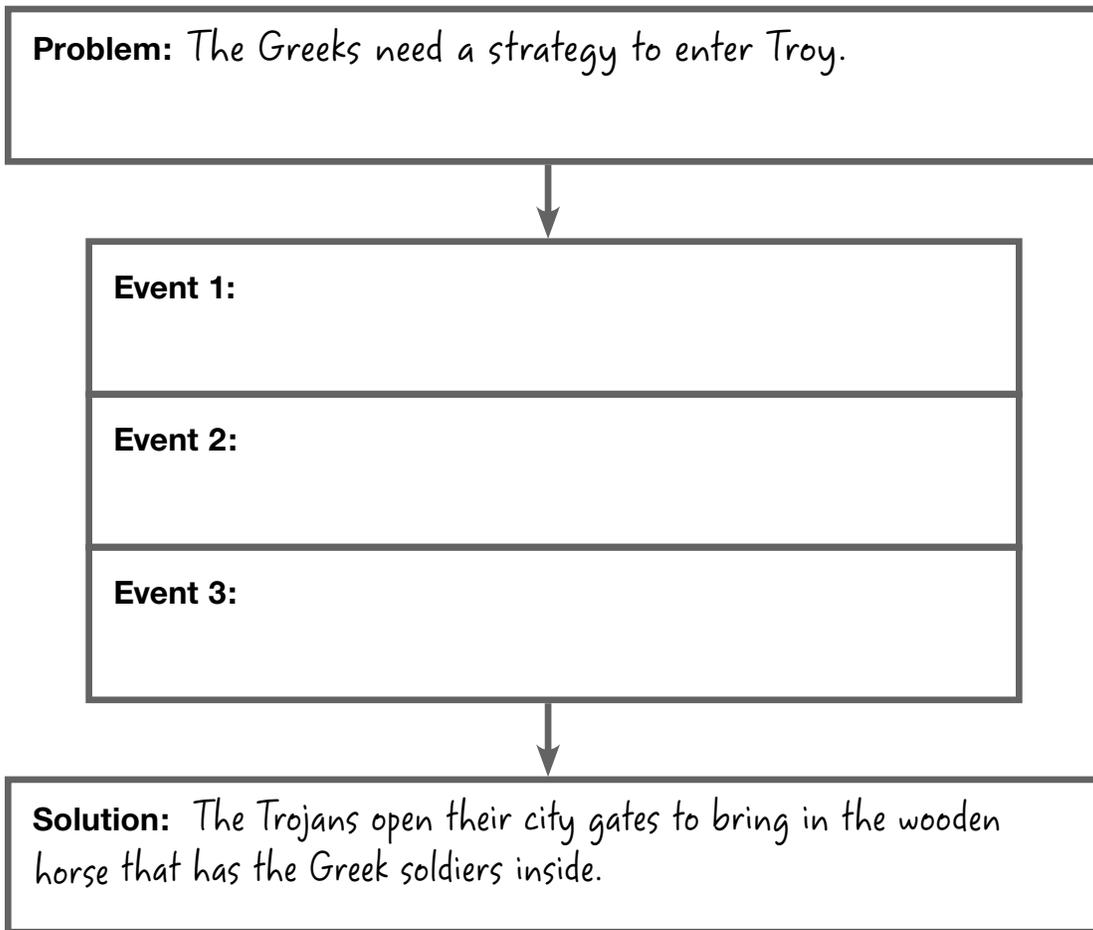
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**Respond to Pages 12–33,** continued

5. **Conclusions** The Greeks need a strategy to enter the city of Troy and win the war against the Trojans. List the events leading to the Greeks' solution. Use the **Problem and Solution Chart** to answer the question.

**Problem and Solution Chart**



What risks are involved in the Greeks' plan?

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## Respond to Pages 34–51

1. **Personal Response** Cassandra and Laocoön do not trust Sinon, while the rest of the Trojans do. What makes you trust someone?

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2. **Conclusions** How do the gods influence both the Greeks and the Trojans to be cautious? Use the word *cautious* in your response.

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3. **Character** Neoptolemus's father is murdered, Menelaus's wife leaves him, and the Trojans do not listen to Cassandra's warnings. Each of these characters faces betrayal. How do they react differently to it?

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### What If?

4. **Connect** Look at your notes on **Student Journal, page 2**. Think about what might happen if you faced a risky situation. Compare this to *The Trojan Horse*. Was Odysseus right to risk the soldiers' lives to save Helen?

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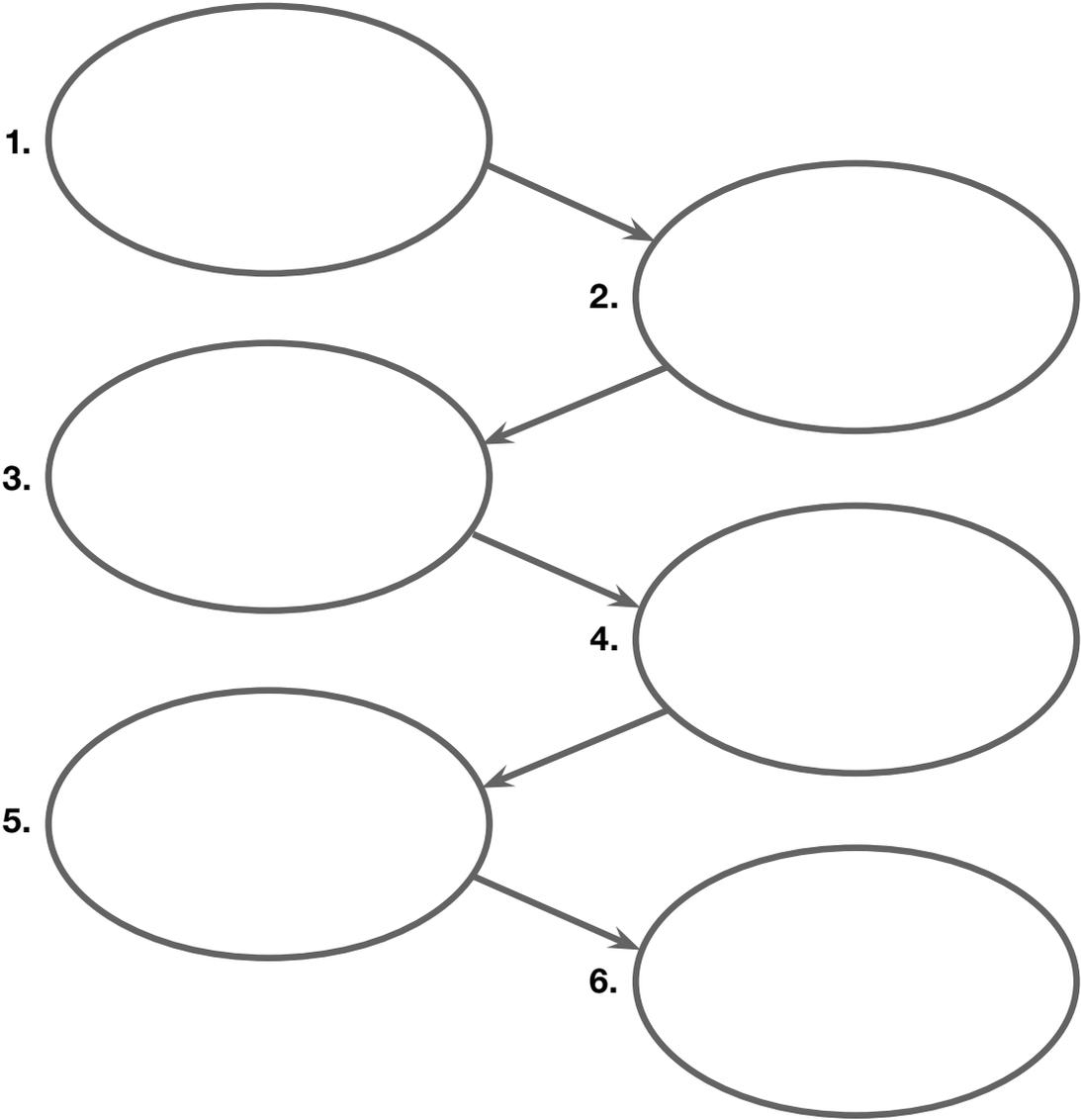
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**Respond to Pages 34-51,** continued

5. **Sequence** The Greeks finally succeed in winning the war against the Trojans. In the ovals, list, in order, the events that lead to the Greeks' success.

**Sequence Chain**



In what way do the Trojans actually help the Greeks to win the war?

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