**The Fall Of Troy – I**

**Do this activity on your own answers will be discussed in the class.**

Q1. Read the passage and do the activities given below :

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**Thus Troy was a strong city ---------------------------------------------- and the Greeks were longing to see their homes again. But still the fighting went on.**

**A1. Name the following:-**

1. He persuaded Helen to elope with him.
2. She was the wife of king Menelaus.
3. He held the defence of Troy for nine years.
4. He was killed by a poisoned arrow.

**A2. What was the cause of the ten- year old war between the Greeks and the Trojans?**

**A3. Vocabulary based activity:**

1. Find the antonyms of the following from the passage :
2. Cowardly x \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b. exposed x \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Find words which mean the following from the passage:
4. To run away secretly in order to get married –
5. To surround a place in order to force people to surrender –

**A4. Contextual Grammar:-**

1. Paris was killed by a poisoned arrow. (Change into active voice)
2. Troy was a strong city. (Change into a negative sentence.)
3. Great heroes on both sides were killed in the course of war. (Change into Present Perfect Continuous Tense.)
4. He had brought her to Troy. (Change into Future Continuous Tense.)
5. Troy was a strong city. (Change into Comparative degree.)

**A5. Personal Response Question:-**

Do you think wars can solve problems? Give reason to justify your answer.

**The Fall Of Troy – II**

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***At last Troy was taken, not by force but by a trick. It was the cunning Odysseus who thought of a plan to obtain the victory…………………………………………………………………... The gathered round it in astonishment, for it was indeed a wonderful piece of work.***

**I. Read the following passage carefully and complete the activities :**

**A1. Simple Factual Activity :**

1. Complete the following :

a. Troy was not taken by force  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

b. The Greek leaders followed the advice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

c. The Trojans saw a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

d. The Greeks and the Trojans had been fighting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Who said the following :

a. When the Trojan are asleep we will attack the city.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

b. It’s peace at last.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**A2. Complex Factual Activity**

Q1. How did Odysseus plan to defeat the Trojans ?  
Ans: Odysseus advised the Greeks to build a great wooden horse, big enough to hold men inside it. Some of their best fighters would hide inside the horse. Then they would burn their tents and pretend to sail away in their ships. But instead of sailing away, they would return at midnight. One man would be left behind with the horse to persuade the Trojans to drag the horse into their city.

After the horse with the soldiers had entered the city, at the appropriate time, the door in the horse would be opened and the soldiers hiding inside would attack Troy. The gates would be opened to allow the remaining Greek soldiers from the ships into the city. The combined force of the Greeks would defeat the Trojans and they would destroy the city of Troy.

Q2. What was the reason for Troy to rejoice and celebrate?  
Ans: The Trojans rejoiced and celebrated because after ten long years, the siege was finally over. The tents of the Greeks had been burnt. The shore was deserted. The Greek ships had all gone. The Trojans could go out on the plain and move around as they pleased.

**A3. Activities based on Vocabulary :**

Q1. Find the synonyms of the following words used in the story :  
famous  
Ans: famous – well-known

Q2. Write the adjective forms of the following words :

1. hospitality – hospitable
2. hero – heroic
3. history – historical
4. poem – poetic.

Q 3. Write from the passage words that sound the same (homophones) as the following :

1. grate - great
2. sale - sail
3. would - wood
4. site - sight.

Q 4. Use the phrase ‘enough to’ in your own sentence :  
Ans: Our school auditorium was big enough to hold a grand function.

Q 5. Give one word from the passage for :

1. great surprise – astonishment
2. pulled out forcibly – dragged

Q 6. Use these phrases in your own sentences :  
(Please refer to textbook page 47 for examples.)

1. tired of

Ans: We were tired of the long wait for the bus.

1. afraid of

Ans :The children were afraid of the commotion.

1. too … to …

Ans: The bed was too big to be kept in the room.

Q7. Use the phrases in your own sentences :

1. so … that

Ans : The teenagers were so excited that it was difficult to control them.

1. as soon as

Ans : I opened my umbrella as soon as it began to rain.

1. all that day

Ans: Though their mother shouted at them, the girls lazed about all that day.

1. in order to

Ans: We have to work hard in order to do well in life.

**A4. Activity-based on Contextual Grammar :**

Q1. Change the voice of the following sentences :

1. It is believed that The Iliad and The Odyssey were composed by Homer.

Ans: People believe that Homer composed The Iliad and The Odyssey.

1. Nobody knows who the author of these epics is.

Ans: It is not known who the author of these epics is.

Q 2. When the Trojans are asleep, we will attack the city. (Pick out and name the clauses.)  
Ans: We will attack the city – Main Clause.  
 When the Trojans are asleep – Subordinate Adverb Clause of Time.

Q3. The Greek leaders decided to follow the advice of the wise Odysseus. (Frame a Wh-question to get the underlined part as the answer.)  
Ans: Whose advice did the Greek leaders decide to follow?

Q4. Rewrite the sentence using ‘no sooner……. than’ :  
As soon as they were hidden by an island, they had lowered their sails.  
Ans: No sooner were they hidden by an island, than they had lowered their sails.

Q5. Rewrite the sentence using ‘too … to’ :  
They were so excited that they paid no attention to his words.  
Ans: They were too excited to pay any attention to his words.

**A5. Personal Response :**

Q1. What do you think about Odysseus?  
Ans: I think that Odysseus was cunning and used underhand methods to win the war. The war should have been fought and won honestly, not by the use of a trick. Odysseus should not have given such advice and the Greeks should not have taken it.

Q2. What, do you think, is needed for a city to be prosperous?  
Ans: To be prosperous, a city must be well situated and have good natural resources, like water and fertile land. It should be safe from enemies. The people and the rulers should be intelligent, sensible and honest. They should also be hard-working. If all these factors are present, then a city will become prosperous.

Q3. Do you think that wars can solve problems?  
Ans: No, they cannot. Problems can be solved only by sitting around a table and sorting out the disputes. The practice of ‘an eye for an eye’ will only end up making the whole world blind. Wars kill people and destroy civilizations.

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