

Who was Dictys?

How does Dictys' history come into our possession?

Which parts are autopsy, which inquiry?

What obvious changes does Dictys make?

What's the effect of grafting so many epichoric/
literary variants onto the Panhellenic framework of
the Trojan War?

Who are the “good guys,” at least in the first books?

When do things turn ugly?

The Causes and Goals of War

What is the initial cause and goal of the war?

For what different goals do the men fight later?

How does the teleology of war change?

What makes the men fight for different things?

Do goals change in earlier works?

Helen

Who blames her? Does she deserve it?

Did she want to leave Menelaus, or was she taken by force? Gods? Love? Persuasion?

Who in Troy likes her, and who hates her?

Whose sons are Agamemnon and Menelaus?

How important are family connections for Dictys?

What role does Palamedes play?

What kind of man is Paris?

What do the Trojans think of him?

What did he do in Phœnicia?

What do people seem to think about Priam?

First Embassy (1)

Who are the Greek ambassadors?
How do they behave themselves?

What is the result?

Iphigenia (1)

How does the story differ from earlier accounts?

Who is to blame?

What trick does he employ?

What's the result of the sacrifice?

Does the divine actually intervene?

Telephus/Mysia (2)

Who is Telephus, and how is he important?

Who wounds him, and who heals him?

Philoctetes (2)

What happens to Philoctetes? Who's to blame?

Palamedes (2)

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Polymestor/Polydorus (2)

What happens to poor Polydorus?

How has this changed from the tragic version?

Who divides the booty that Ajax and Achilles bring back from the countryside? Why is this odd?

Embassy (2)

Who goes on the embassy to Troy? How does each behave himself? What is the result?

Agamemnon and Astynome (2)

Did Astynome have a name in the *Iliad*?

Does the episode remind you of Iphigenia?

Who is Hippodamia? What's her other name?

What happens to Achilles?

How well do the Trojans run their coalition?

Dolon (2)

Where have we seen him before?
What's different here?

Menelaus vs Paris (Alexander)

What saves Paris?
Who is Pandarus?

Rhesus (2)

What's been separated from this account?

Embassy to Achilles (= *Iliad* 9)

How does this go? What happened in the *Iliad*?

What is Diomedes' moral lesson?

How does Dictys characterize the Greeks and Trojans during the winter truce beginning book 3?

Who is Polyxena?

Why does Achilles grow enraged with Hector?

Who saves Hector in battle, and how?
Foreshadowing much?

Patroclus... how's he doing while Achilles is wounded?

How does he fare the next day?

How does this compare to the *Iliad*?

How does Achilles comport himself after Patroclus' death?

Are the funeral games different?

How is Priam's visit to Achilles different from *Il.* 24?