## The Trojan War

" A Legendary Conflict between the early Greeks and the people of Troy"

Most of what we know about the actual war has been fictionalized in Greek and Roman literature. (I.e. The Iliad, The Odyssey by Homer)

## The Story

Paris, son of the Trojan king, ran off with Helen. Helen was married to the King of Sparta, Menelaus.

Agamemnon, brother to Menelaus, leads a Greek expedition against Troy.

The war lasts for 10 years.

The Greeks at last pretend to withdraw their troops, leaving behind a wooden horse (in which was concealed a raiding party)

The Trojans brought the horse within their walls as a victory prize.

The concealed troops opened the doors to the city that very night, to allow their comrades to enter and sack the city. All men were massacred, and the women allotted to Greek men.

## Where Are We? Mount Olympus AEGEAN SEA ATTICA Atheris Mycenae Argos Tiryun Argos Tiryun

Map of Ancient Greece and Western Anatolia

Sparta = Menelaus' Kingdom Argos = Agamemnon's Kingdom