

Significant People

Queen Helen of Sparta



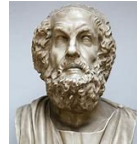
King Menelaus



Prince Paris of Troy



Agamemnon



Sinon

There are no images of Sinon due to his low rank and wealth.



The story of the Trojan Horse: historical fact, legend or classical myth?

Key Vocabulary

Authentic	Something based on facts; accurate or reliable.
Corroborate	To confirm or give support to a statement, theory, or finding.
Duped	To deceive or trick.
Fortress	A military stronghold, especially a strongly fortified town.
Historian	An expert in the study of history and particular historical time periods.
Interrogate	To ask questions of someone closely, aggressively, or formally.
Impregnable	Unable to be captured or broken into.
Siege	A military operation in which enemy forces surround a town or building, cutting off essential supplies, with the aim of making those inside surrender.
Subterfuge	Deceit or lies used in order to achieve one's goal.

Around 1250 BC war broke out between the armies of Troy and of Sparta and Mycenae.



It is said that Prince Paris of Troy kidnapped Queen Helen of Sparta and held her hostage for 10 years.



The city of Troy was well built to defend itself with very tall and thick walls, which were over 15 metres high.



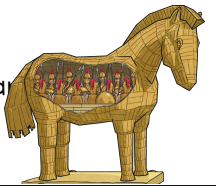
A Greek general in Menelaus's army, Odysseus, had a plan to build a giant wooden horse, hide archers inside it and leave it outside the gate of the city of Troy.



Prince Paris of Troy allowed the wooden horse to be brought into the city, demolishing some of the city walls to get it in.



Once the horse was inside the city walls, the rest of the Spartan army attacked and Queen Helen was rescued. The war ended in victory for the Greeks.



The story of the Trojan Horse is a very old story and its authenticity is disputed by many historians.

There are other explanations for the story of the Trojan Horse, with evidence to suggest for and against the story being factual.

10,000 BC

The Stone Age was a time in history when people used tools and weapons made from stone.

2500 BC

The Bronze Age was the time period when people made tools from an alloy called bronze.

1250 BC

The start of the Trojan war in Ancient Greece.

800 BC

The Iron Age was a time when people began to use tools and weapons made from iron.

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Jesus Christ was born. Dates are now recorded as AD, Anno Domini.

43 AD

The British invasion by the Romans, marks the beginning of the end of the Iron Age.

79 AD

Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii, Italy erupted, covering the town of Pompeii.

449 AD

Britain was invaded, successfully by the Anglo-Saxons.

793 AD

Norsemen/Vikings attack Lindisfarne, the Holy Island monasteries.