

***from the Iliad: from Books 1, “The Rage of Achilles,”  
and 6, “Hector Returns to Troy” by Homer***  
**Literary Analysis: Theme**

The **theme** of a work of literature is its central insight into life. A writer’s theme is revealed through story events, characters, and even details. A major theme of the *Iliad* is the role of fate in human affairs, but there are other themes as well: the destructive effects of anger, the violence of war, the importance of honor and courage, the unpredictable ways of the gods.

**DIRECTIONS:** *Identify three events in Books 1 and 6 of the Iliad that are connected to the theme of fate. Explain how each event relates to the fate of a particular character or the theme of fate in general.*

<b>Event</b>	<b>How Event Connects to Theme</b>
1.	
2.	
3.	