

**UNIT 3. LESSON 6**  
**The Trojan War: Truth or myth?**

**Notes on the activities**

1. Possible answers for 1.1. The exercise recalls contents of lessons 1-4
  - a) The Judgement of Paris; the beginning of the war because of the kidnap of a woman, etc.
  - b) Apollo sending a plague to the Greeks; Aphrodite saving Paris; Hephaestus forging new armour for Achilles, etc.
  - c) Gods sending giant serpents to kill Laocoön and his sons; Trojans feasting while Greek warriors go out of the wooden horse, etc.

Possible answers for 1.2: a war between Greeks and Trojans; The Greeks winning the war; etc. Students have to guess them.

2. The texts accompanying the sources are read in plenary. The teachers explains the meaning of difficult parts of them by using the images (especially maps), which should be projected in order to observe them in colour.

Sources of the images:

Sources A, D, E: Wilfred E. Major, *The historical World behind the Trojan War* <http://home.att.net/~a.a.major/waroutline.html> (Access date: 10 Mar. 2007)

Source B: Pulak, C & Bass, G.F., *Bronze Age Shipwreck Excavation at Uluburun* [http://ina.tamu.edu/ub\\_main.htm](http://ina.tamu.edu/ub_main.htm) (Access date: 13 Mar. 2007)

Source C: *Troia. Traum und wirklichkeit* <http://www.troia.de/pages/archaeologie.html#top> (Access date: 13 Mar. 2007)

Source F: Latacz, J., *Wilusa (Wilios / Troia). Centre of a Hittite Confederate in North-West Asia Minor* <http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/troia/eng/wilusaeng.pdf> (Access date: 13 Mar. 2007)

Source G: Wikipedia, s.v. *Iliion* <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iliion> (Access date: 13 Mar. 2007)

Source H: *Homer Odyssey and the Trojan War* <http://falcon.fsc.edu/sgoodlett/courses/hist2020/homer.html> (Access date: 13 Mar. 2007)

Source I: Transcription of a fragment of ‘The Truth of Troy, in *Horizon*, BBC Two, Thursday 25 March 2004 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/horizon/2004/troytrans.shtml> (Access date: 13 Mar. 2007)

Source J: Introduction to the Ancient World: Greece. Lecture 4. Troy and Homer <http://www.utexas.edu/courses/introtogreece/lect4/img12mycndggrs.html> (Access date: 13 Mar. 2007)

Solution to exercise 2: Primary sources: B, C, D, E, F, G, , J. Secondary sources: A, H, I..

	SOURCES									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
The archaeological site at Hisarlik hill may have been Troy / Iliion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mycenaean Greeks may have had relationships with cities in Asia Minor in 13th – 12th centuries BC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Much of what Homer tells may have a historical basis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Troy may have been located in a strategical place	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Troy may have been a commercial city	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mycenaean Greeks were traders		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
Mycenaean civilisation was a warrior culture				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Troy may have been destroyed by fire									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
There may have been a Trojan war for economic reasons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The Trojan War started because of the kidnap of a Greek woman										

Results of each pair are discussed in plenary. The answers provided here are orientative. The important thing is to be able to justify each one's statements.