**Losing Battles, Winning Glory: Casualty Data and the Tides of War in the *Iliad***

1. Quantifiable fatalities in the *Iliad*

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| **Day of Battle** | **Book** | **# of Warriors Slain** | |
| **Trojans** | **Achaeans** |
| **First** | **4** | 4 | 3 |
| **5** | 27 | 12 |
| **6** | 15 | 0 |
| **7**  **Subtotal** | 0  **46** | 3  **18** |
| **Second** | **8** | 12 | 0 |
| **10**  **Subtotal** | 14  **26** | 0  **0** |
| **Third** | **11** | 27 | 9 |
| **12** | 9 | 1 |
| **13** | 10 | 6 |
| **14** | 14 | 2 |
| **15** | 18 | 12 |
| **16** | 63 | 3 |
| **17** | 6 | 3 |
| **18**  **Subtotal** | 12  **159** | 0  **36** |
| **Fourth** | **20** | 14 | 0 |
| **21** | 11 | 0 |
| **22** | 1 | 0 |
| **23**  **Subtotal** | 12  **38** | 0  **0** |

1. Data pertaining to other metrics
   1. 18 of the 28 leaders listed in the Trojan Catalogue die in the poem (64.29%). Only ten of the 44 leaders listed in the Catalogue of Ships are slain (22.73%).
   2. The Achaeans successfully take spoils 38 times; the Trojans, just once.
   3. Of the 23 grisly deaths in the *Iliad*, 22 feature Trojan vicitms.
   4. Only Trojans beg for their lives, on five occasions.
   5. Only Trojans lose more men in tit-for-tat “chain” killings
   6. Pro-Achaean gods win in the theomachy of Book 21
   7. Only Trojans are spirited out of battle, on six occasions
2. Kill count by individual warrior

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| **Achaean** | | **Trojan** | |
| Patroclus | 54 |  |  |
| Achilles | 50 |  |  |
| Diomedes | 32 |  |  |
|  |  | Hector | 28 |
| Telamonian Ajax | 27 |  |  |
| Odysseus | 18 |  |  |
| Teucer | 15 |  |  |
| Agamemnon | 12 |  |  |
| Antilochus | 9 |  |  |
| Menelaus | 8 |  |  |
| Meriones | 7 |  |  |
| Idomeneus | 6 | Aeneas | 6 |
| Leonteus, Oilean Ajax | 5 |  |  |
| Euryalus, Polypoetes | 4 |  |  |
| Eurypylus, Meges | 3 | Paris, Polydamas | 3 |
| Peneleos | 2 | Agenor, Deïphobus, Glaucus, Sarpedon | 2 |
| Automedon, Leïtus, Lycomedes, Thoas, Thrasymedes | 1 | Acamas, Antiphus, Ares,[[1]](#footnote-1) Helenus, Peiros, Polites | 1 |

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1. Ares appears stripping an Achaean corpse at 5.842-844; presumably, he had slain the warrior just before. Ares also receives dual credit with Hector for six of his kills (5.703-710). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)