



Virgil Aeneid XI

Ideas for Further Study

- 1 Choose any two translations of the book, select a passage that you have studied, and compare and contrast the two versions. Which do you prefer, and why?
- 2 Virgil opens Book I of the *Aeneid* with the words *arma virumque cano*, literally ‘I sing of arms and a man’. Do you think this is an adequate summary of the sections of the work you have read?
- 3 On the evidence of Book XI, do you think Virgil approved or disapproved of warfare?
- 4 How likeable do you find the character of Camilla?
- 5 How important are the gods in controlling the events and personalities in Book XI?
- 6 Why do you think we still read the *Aeneid* today?
- 7 Choose a passage of, say, 20 lines from Book XI and explain to your fellow-students what makes that passage good poetry.