

## Reading help for the *Catalog of Ships*

The *Catalog of Ships* is very formulaic. It consists of several units, always found in this form:

- 1) Name of the people sending contingents: **Genitive Plural of the People's** name, e.g. Βοιωτῶν, Φωκῆων...

Example: Βοιωτῶν μέν...(494), "Of the Boeotians..."

- 2) Names of their commanders: Commander's names (with epithets or information about them) + **verbs of "commanding"**, like ἦρχον, ἡγεμόνευεν, ἡγεμόνευ', ἄγεν, ἡγεῖτο...

Example: Πηνέλεως καὶ Λήϊτος ἦρχον (494), "Peneleus and Leitos commanded"

Λοκρῶν δὲ ἡγεμόνευεν Ὀυλιῆος ταχὺς Αἴας (527) "Of the Locrians Swift Ajax Oileus commanded"

- 3) Where the people live in Greece: Pronoun οἱ δέ + Names of places + **verbs of "inhabiting"**, like ἐνέμοντο, εἶχον, ἔχον, ναῖον, ἀμφινέμοντο

Example: Οἱ δὲ Ἀσπληδόνα ναῖον ἰδ' Ὀρχομενὸν Μινύειον (511), "Those who inhabited Aspledon and Orchomenos Minios"

- 4) Number of ships provided (rarely also number of soldiers): *always at the end* and *always* formed by: A number, usually indicated by the suffix -κοντα

+ words for “ships”, like **νήες, μέλαινοι νῆες, γλαφυραὶ νεές, νεῶν** + verb of “following”, like **ἔποντο, ἐστιχόωντο**.

**Example: τοῖς δ’ ἅμα τεσσαράκοντα μέλαινοι νῆες ἔποντο (524), “And forty dark ships followed them altogether”.**