

III. Essay Question:

ergo desidiam quicumque vocabat amorem,
 desinat: ingenii est experientis Amor.
 ardet in abducta Briseide magnus Achilles
 (dum licet, Argeas frangite, Troes, opes);
 35 Hector ab Andromaches complexibus ibat ad arma,
 et galeam capiti quae daret, uxor erat;
 summa ducum, Atrides visa Priameide fertur
 Maenadis effusis obstipuisse comis.
 Mars quoque deprensus fabrilia vincula sensit:
 40 notior in caelo fabula nulla fuit.
 ipse ego segnis eram discinctaque in otia natus;
 mollierant animos lectus et umbra meos;
 impulit ignavum formosae cura puellae,
 iussit et in castris aera merere suis.
 45 inde vides agilem nocturnaue bella gerentem:
 qui nolet fieri desidiosus, amet.

This passage begins and ends with references to the energy required for a successful lover. How do the examples that Ovid chooses as illustrations support his argument and reinforce the poet’s thesis that every lover is a soldier?



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