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Motives of Aeneas

Instructions: Below are key moments when Aeneas makes important choices. For each, explain **why** Aeneas acts the way he does. Consider **duty (pietas)**, the gods, personal feelings, and fate. Write your response in 2-3 sentences.

1. **Leaving Troy:** Why does Aeneas carry Anchises on his shoulders instead of escaping alone?

2. **Departing Carthage:** Why does Aeneas leave Dido, even though he loves her?

3. **Journey to the Underworld:** Why does Aeneas seek out the Sibyl and carry the golden bough?

4. **Forming Alliances:** Why does Aeneas ally himself with King Evander and the Arcadians?

5. **Killing Turnus:** Why does Aeneas decide to kill Turnus instead of sparing him at the end of the epic?
