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Trial of Aeneas

Instructions: Imagine Aeneas is on trial in the Courtroom of the Gods. The charge: *Did he act out of his own free will, or was he controlled by destiny?* For each scenario below, decide whether his action shows **Fate** or **Free Will**, and explain why in 2-3 sentences. Use evidence from the story.

1. **Carrying Anchises out of Troy** - Was this an act of duty forced by divine destiny, or Aeneas's own choice as a son?

2. **Falling in love with Dido** - Did the gods manipulate his heart, or did Aeneas freely choose to love her?

3. **Leaving Carthage** - Was he compelled entirely by Mercury's message from Jupiter, or did he freely accept his duty?

4. **Journey to the Underworld** - Did prophecy force him there, or did he freely seek knowledge from Anchises?

5. **Killing Turnus** - Was this the unavoidable end fated for Italy, or a personal act of vengeance and choice?

Debate Wrap-Up: After you answer each scenario, write **one closing argument** (5-6 sentences) in the voice of either:

- **"Destiny's Lawyer"** - arguing Aeneas was ruled by Fate.
- **"Free Will's Lawyer"** - arguing Aeneas made his own choices.