

Section 4 - Stanzas 39 - 49

Cresseid's Dream: The Debate and Judgement of the Gods

Re-read this section of the poem and answer the following questions. Make sure that your answers are written in such a way that you will be able to understand these at a later date when you come to use the notes for either a critical essay or as part of your revision for the exam.

Stanzas 39 – 42

1. What does Cupide say about Cresseid's error of judgement against him?
2. In your own words, summarise the debate amongst the gods.
3. What is the sentence that is passed on Cresseid?

Stanzas 44

4. i) Who tells Cresseid of her fate?
ii) Why do you think this god is chosen to deliver the sentence?

Stanzas 47

5. Where does the narrator's sympathy lie and why might this be important?

Stanzas 48 – 49

6. What form does Cresseid's disease take?