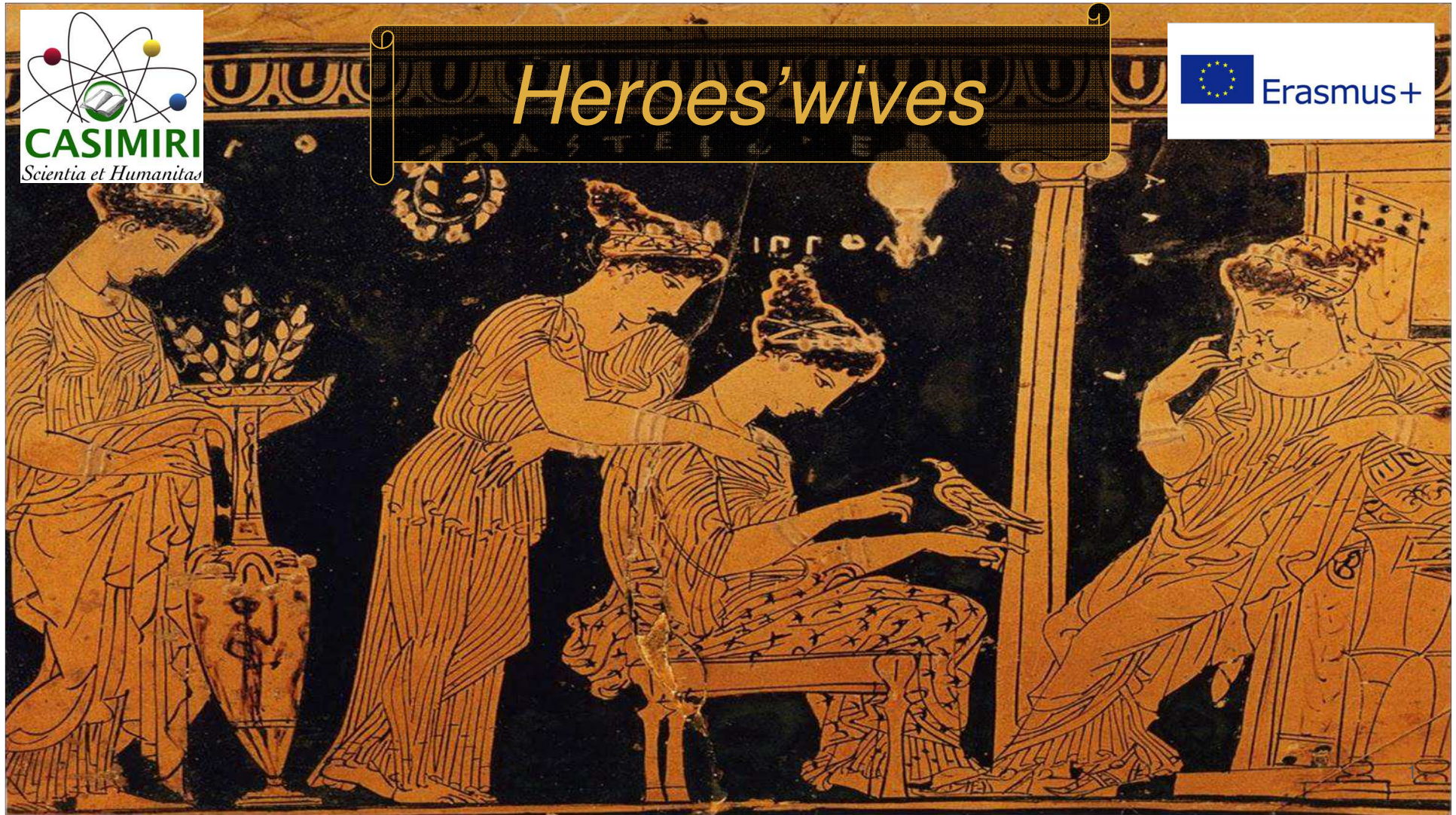




Heroes' wives

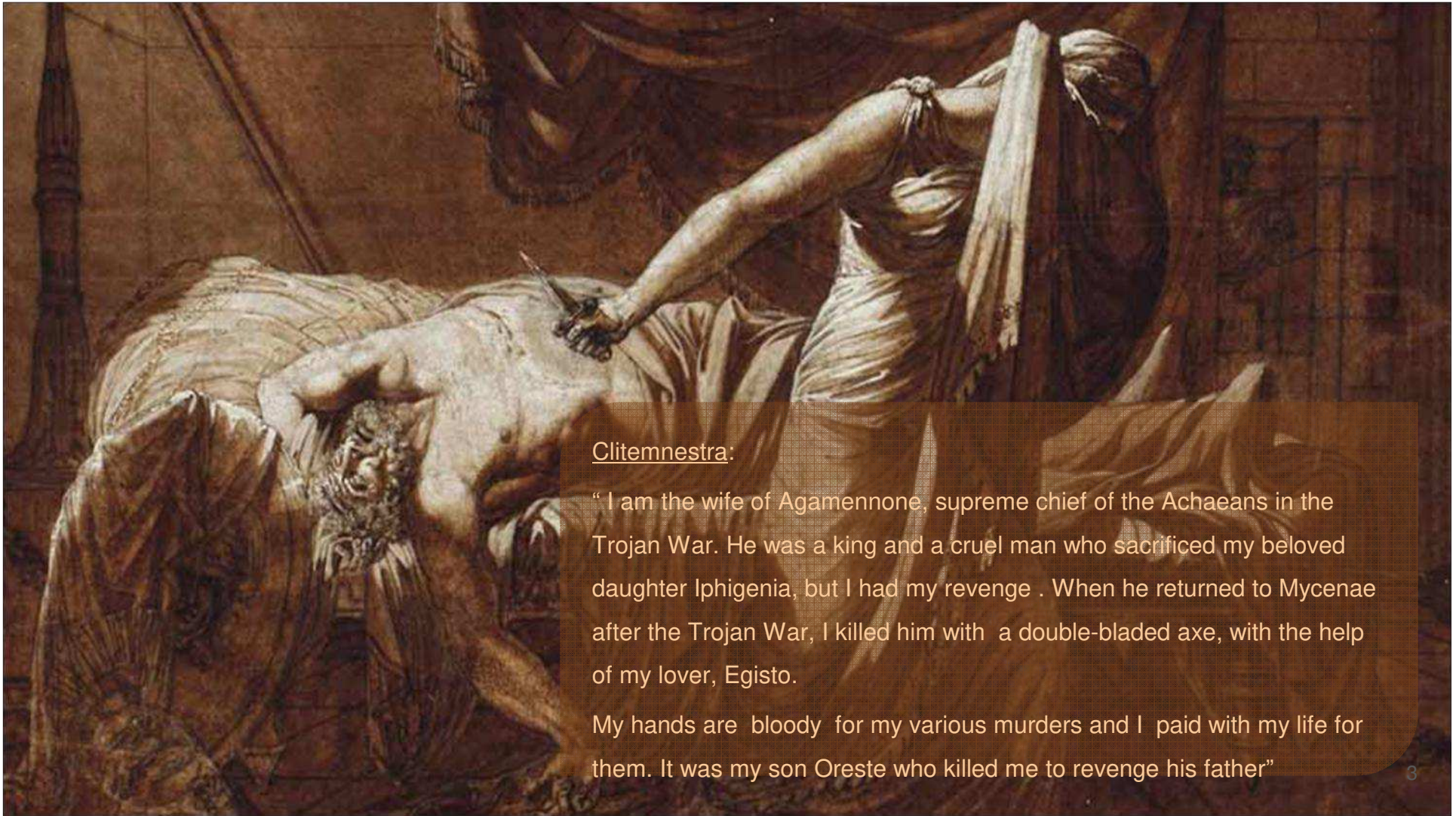


CLYTEMNESTRA

(Agamemnon's wife)

- daughter of Leda and Tyndareus
- a murderer, an adulteress and a victim
- wife of Agamemnon who killed her first husband Tantalus and sacrificed their daughter, Iphigenia
- Clytemnestra's revenge
- killed by Orestes, Clytemnestra and Agamemnon's son





Clitemnestra:

“ I am the wife of Agamennone, supreme chief of the Achaeans in the Trojan War. He was a king and a cruel man who sacrificed my beloved daughter Iphigenia, but I had my revenge . When he returned to Mycenae after the Trojan War, I killed him with a double-bladed axe, with the help of my lover, Egisto.

My hands are bloody for my various murders and I paid with my life for them. It was my son Oreste who killed me to revenge his father”



Clytemnestra kills Agamemnon with the help of her lover, Egisto.





HELEN OF TROY

(Menelao's wife)

- Daughter of Leda and Zeus and wife of Menelaus, King of Sparta.
- She was considered one of the most beautiful women in the world.
- At Peleus and Thetis' wedding, Paris chose Aphrodite as the most beautiful goddess and she rewarded him with the love of the most beautiful woman in the world, Helen.
- She was seduced by Paris who took her to Troy.
- Menelaus discovered the abduction and decided to conquer the city and take his wife back.
- At the end of the conflict Helen returned to Sparta with Menelaus.

Helen



I'm Helen, Menelaus' wife, king of Sparta.
I ran away to Troy because I fell in love with Paris by divine will.
Menelao, in order to have me back, gathered a big fleet together
with his brother Agamemnon and some other Achaeans.
My beauty and charm seduced two men who caused the biggest
war in history and lots of blood has been spilt because of me!



Menelaus and Paris are fighting for Helen.

Helen escapes with Paris and they reach Troy.



ANDROMACHE

(Hector's
wife)



- devoted wife and a loving and caring mother
- she tries to convince Hector to fight Achille without exposing directly himself to the danger
- woman who tries to protect her family until the last moment
- after Hector's death, Andromache finds herself a slave to Pirro, Achilles' son
- remembered for her great awry "attachment" to home and family
- EPITHETS: "*bride with a rich do*", "*Eezione's daughter*"



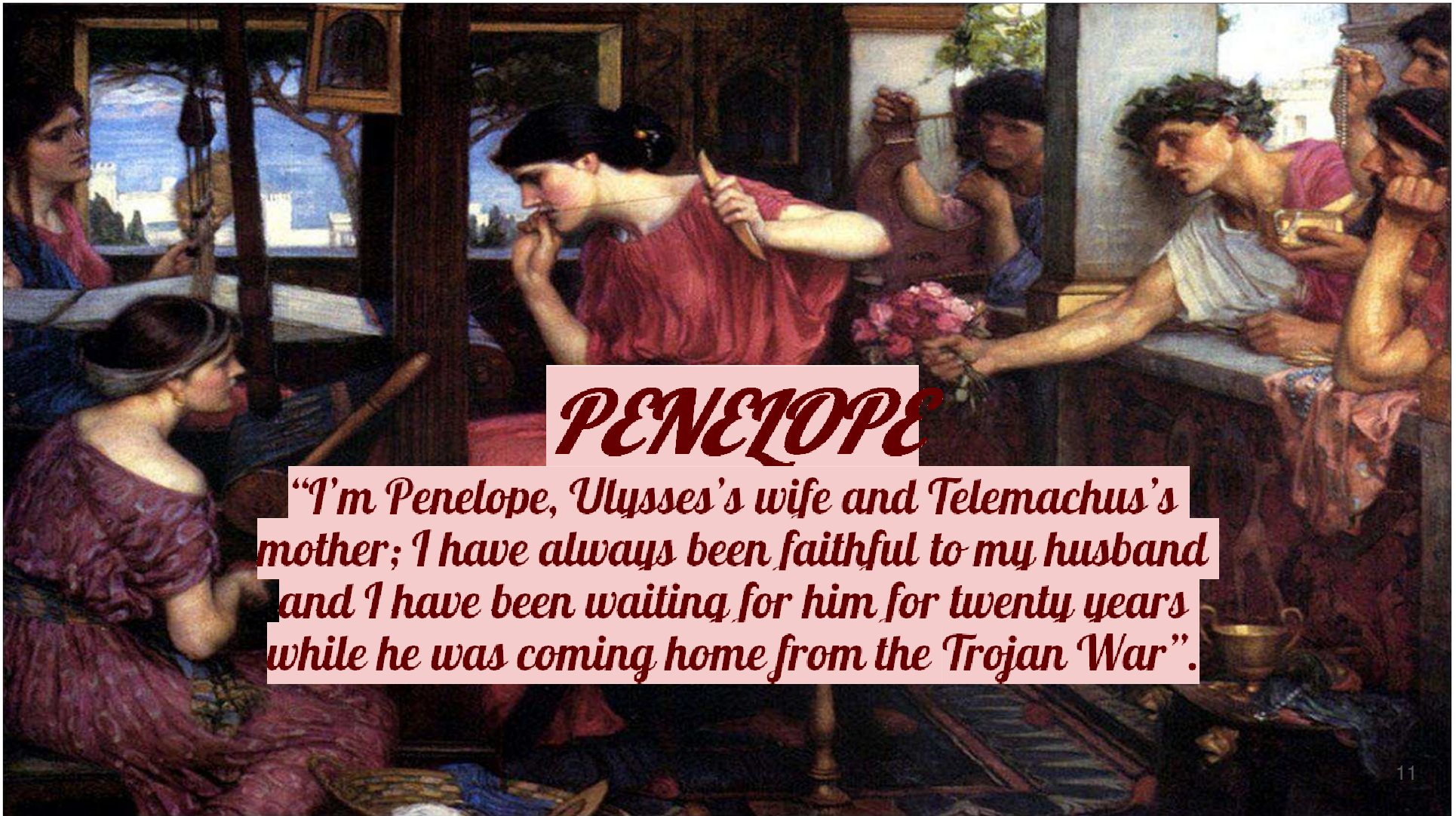
Andromache

“I, *Andromache*, Hector’s devote wife, have dedicated all my life to him and to our son, *Astianatte*.

If I lose you, Hector, dying would be better than staying alive. A sad destiny of *slavery* is waiting for me. You are a father, a mother, a young husband to me: have *mercy* on me, stay here, in the tower. I can’t do it, my strength is faltering”



Andromache and Hector: "the farewell"



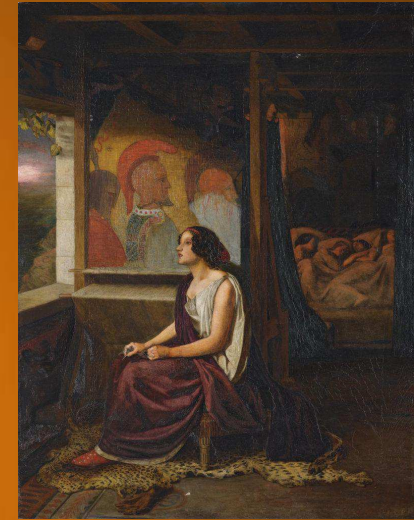
PENELOPE

“I’m Penelope, Ulysses’s wife and Telemachus’s mother; I have always been faithful to my husband and I have been waiting for him for twenty years while he was coming home from the Trojan War”.

PENELOPE

(Ulysses's
wife)

- Ulysses's wife and Telemachus's mother;
- She has been waiting for 20 years for the final return of her husband;
- Faithful to her husband;
- She devised a plan to delay her suitors' courtship, the never-ending task;
- She gave a riddle to Ulysses about their bridal room (only they two and their servant knew that the bed was impossible to move);
- EPITHETS: "the wise Penelope", "the good and faithful wife", "the prudent Penelope".





Penelope is waiting for Ulysses' return.

