

ONCE AGAIN ON THE TROY'S THRACIAN ALLIES

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The issue of the Troy's allies produced a rich literature and a frenzy debate among the scholars. The most important Troy's allies during the ten years war between this powerful kingdom in the North-West of Asia Minor and the Achaeans were the Thracians. Homer mentions two categories of Thracians: the European and Asian Thracians living in the west of Asia Minor: Mysians and Phrygians which seems to have already migrated in the 13th century BC from Europe to these regions. The Dardanians, as inhabitants of the Troad, appear as the oldest emigrated group from the Balkan Peninsula. From the European Thracians in Iliad attested the Paeonians, the Cicones and 'Thracians' as a generic term for other Thracian groups are recorded. A significant number of Thracian kings or chieftains are also mentioned in the poem. The consistent military assistance offered by the Thracians to Troy was given on the ground of old agnation, but especially on common economic interests.