

## Aeneas (Hero)

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ARMOR CLASS: -1 (armor, dexterity bonuses, and shield + 5)

MOVE: 9"

HIT POINTS: 111

NO. OF ATTACKS: 5/2 with spear; 2 with short sword

DAMAGE/ATTACK: By weapon type (+6 strength bonus; +3 specialization bonus with spear)

SPECIAL ATTACKS: Nil

SPECIAL DEFENSES: Magical shield

MAGIC RESISTANCE: Standard

SIZE: M (5½')

ALIGNMENT: Lawful good

FIGHTER: 14th level fighter

MONK/BARD: 3rd-level monk/4th level bard

PSIONIC ABILITY: Nil

Attack/Defense Modes: Nil/nil

S: 18/00

I: 17

W: 16

D: 16

C: 18

Ch: 18

Co: 18

LEVEL/X.P. VALUE: (determine)

Aeneas, the heroic Trojan, is the son of Venus and the ancestor of the Latin peoples. Fleeing the city of Troy after its fall, he and his companions eventually made their way to the city of Carthage, after dangers and delays set up by Juno, who hated Trojans in general. The Trojans were welcomed into the city, and Aeneas fell in love with the queen, Dido. The two were happy until the gods reminded Aeneas that his destiny lay elsewhere. Faithful to his duty, Aeneas sorrowfully parted from Dido and set sail. Looking back at Carthage, he saw a plume of smoke. It was Dido's funeral pyre; she had promised to kill herself if Aeneas left, and she kept her word.

Aeneas later descended into the underworld, meeting unimaginable terrors, and learned more of his destiny to found the Roman people. He was continually opposed by Juno in his later quests, but triumphed with the help of Neptune and Venus, growing in skill and power. Aeneas and his companions eventually founded the city of Lavinium, from which the people that became the Romans eventually came. He and his Trojans were welcomed by the people of Latium, whose ways the Trojans eventually adopted.

Aeneas wears a set of bronze Trojan armor equivalent to normal ring mail, and he carries a shield +5 forged by Vulcan, as well as a normal spear and short sword. Aeneas has double specialization with the spear (+3 to hit and damage). He is usually accompanied by



Achates, his shieldbearer (AC 6; MV 9"; F7; hp 50; #AT 3/2; Dmg by weapon type; AL LG; armor equal to ring mail, spear, short sword). Aeneas may be found leading a military force on some mission for one or more of the gods; the size and power of this force is left to the DM's discretion.

Aeneas will be polite to PCs, but will not usually aid them for long, unless what they're doing directly aids him in fulfilling his destiny and his duty to the gods. He is admirable, but rather distant, stiff, and dry, and will not let anything interfere with his destiny and duty for long. Achates and his other followers are fiercely devoted to their chief and fight fanatically to defend him.