THE MAHABHARATA

A Chapter by Chapter summary of the great Indian epic, as an aid to finding passages within the original 18 Volumes.

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Mahabharata was written down by the great sage Krishna Dvaipayana (Vyasa) about 5000 years ago. It records events that occurred at the transition from the Bronze (Dwapara Yuga) to Iron Age (Kali Yuga). It tells of a battle between two great Indian ruling families, brought about through a game of dice, which resulted in great destruction.

There are 18 Volumes or Parva's (there are 18 Chapters in the Bhagavad Gita, the battle last 18 days):

Book	Volume	Part				
I	I		Adi Parva	Introdu	ction of characters, including birth and lineage.	
II	II		Sabha Parva	Dicing	and exile of the Pandava's.	
	III	I	Vana Parva	Advent	ures of Pandava's in the forest. (Includes the Ramayana.)	
III	IV	II	Virata Parva	Pandav	a's 13th year of exile.	
IV	V		Udyoga Parva	Declara	ation of war.	
V	VI		Bhishma Parva		begins. First ten days, until Bishma (Generalissimo of Kuru falls. The Bhagavad-Geeta occurs at the start of this part.	
VI	VII		Drona Parva	Next fiv	ve days, until Drona is slain.	
VII	VIII		Karna Parva	Karna Parva Two more days, until death of Karna.		
	IX		Salya Parva	Salya fa	alls after half a day. End of battle with most of hero's slain,	
			·	including Duryodhana.		
	X		Sauptika Parva	Aswattl	haman destroys remaining Pandava army.	
	XI		Stree Parva	Reuniti	ng of Pandava's with king Dhritarashtra after battle.	
VIII	XII	I	Shanti Parva	The dyi	ing Bhisma speaks on all aspects knowledge.	
IX		II	Shanti Parva	(ctnd)		
X		III	Shant Parva	(ctnd)		
	XIII	I	Anusasana Parva (ctnd)			
XI		II	Anusasana Parva	a (ctnd)		
XII	XIV		Aswamedhika Parva		Counselling of grief stricken Yudhishthira. Pandava's return home.	
	XV		Asramavasika Parva		Dhritarashtra retires into woods and dies after three years. Vyasa's boon recalling troops from battle for one night.	
	XVI	XVI Mausala Parva XVII Mahaprasthanika Par			36 years after battle, death of Krishna and other hero's.	
				a Parva	Pandava's die successively.	
	XVIII		Swargarohnika Parva		Yudhishthira attains heaven. Completion of story.	

[Book=one of 12 physical books; Volume=one of 18 major chapters/volumes; Part=major divisions]

The story is related by Sauti at a sacrifice of Saunaka. Sauti repeats the story given in full by Vaisampayana, a student of Vyasa, to Janamejaya, the great-grandson of Arjuna, at a Snake-sacrifice. Much of the battle is related to Dhritarashtra as seen by Sanjaya through divine in-site.

VOLUME I - ADI PARVA

I Summary, Dhritarashtra's lament "no hope of success".

II Overview of Chapters and contents

III Janamejaya, son of Parikshit, Brahman trials, story of Utanka and earings.

Leads to snake sacrifice.

IV Sauti makes ready to begin.

V Bhrigu, Rakshasa designs to take his wife Puloma. Birth of Chyavanna.

VI Curse on Agni (for informing the Rakshasa).
VII Resolution of Agni's curse by Bhrahma.
VIII Ruru, and maiden Pramadvara. Her death.

IX Pramadvara restored to life.

X Ruru does not kill a snake who was once a Brahman, now cursed.

XI Snakes' story - comes back to human form.

XII Ruru asks why Janamejaya wants to destroy snakes.
XIII Jaratkaru, Astika's Father - told he must beget a child.

XIV Is offered a daughter, sister of king of snakes.

XV Astika left by Jaratkaru.

XVI Daughters of Prajapati in Golden Age - thousand sons and two sons.

XVII Saunaka asks re churning of the milk ocean.

XVIII Churning of the ocean.

XIX Battle with Asuras over Amrita.

XX Kadru and Vinata bet. XXI Description of ocean. XXII Description of ocean.

XXIII Vinata loses bet, and becomes a slave. Garuda becomes a huge bird.

XXIV Surva's resolve to burn the worlds.

XXV Garuda and his mother, Vinata. Divisions of time.

XXVI Indra causes rain to fall on Nagas.
 XXVII Garuda's questions bidding of snakes.
 XXVIII Garuda attacks the Nishadas for the Amrita.
 XXIX Garuda hears tale of Elephant and Tortoise.

XXX Garuda devours elephant and tortoise. Gods prepare to defend Soma.

XXXI Indra's act of carelessness.
XXXII Garuda battles with the Gods.

XXXIII Garuda takes Amrita. Narayana grants him boons. Indra asks for friendship.

XXXIV Garuda frees his mother from curse. Soma taken back to heaven. Snakes tongues divided by

licking Kusa grass.

XXXV Names of snakes are recited.

XXXVI Eldest snake, Sesha, supports the world.

XXXVII Vasuki consults with the snakes how to avoid their curse. XXXVIII Snakes are told how Astika will abort the sacrifice.

XXXIX Vasuki to bestow sister on Jaratkaru.

XL King Parikshit out hunting throws a snake on a Muni. He is cursed.

XLI The curse.

XLII Parikshit prepares to avoid the snake bite.

XLIII Parikshit is bitten. XLIV Janamejaya is crowned.

XLV Jaratkaru told to beget children by his ancestors.

XLVI Jaratkaru is offered Vasuki's sister.

XLVII Jaratkaru's wife conceives. Jaratkaru leaves her.

XLVIII Astika grows up.

XLIX Janamejaya asks re his Father's death.

L Repeat of Parikshit's death; Janamejaya's resolve to destroy snakes.

LI Preparations for the sacrifice.

LII Sacrifice - snakes burn.

LIII Rishi's at the sacrifice.

LIV Astika is advised of his mission, and sent.

LV Praise of the sacrifice.

LVI Astika is granted a boon to stop the sacrifice.

LVII Names of the snakes taken by the sacrifice.

LVIII Snake sacrifice ends.

LIX Saunaka asks for the Mahabharata to be narrated.

LX Krishna-Dvaipayana comes to Janamejaya after the sacrifice, and is asked to relate story of Kuru's

and Pandavas.

LXI Summary of story. LXII Summary of story.

LXIII King Vasu, birth of Satyavati, birth of Vyasa. Birth summary of other major characters.

LXIV Creation from Parasurama. Krita Age. Earth goes to Brahma as becoming overcrowded. Brahma

promises incarnations.

LXV Birth of all creatures.

LXVI Genealogy of Gods and creatures.

LXVII Account of deities incarnation of earth, including five Pandavas.

LXVIII Dushmanta, founder of Paurava line.

LXIX Life of Dushmanta, hunting.

LXX Dushmanta enters forest of ascetics.

LXXI Rishi's daughter, Sakuntala, relates her birth.

LXXII Completes story of Sakuntala's birth.

LXXIII Dushmanta wed's Sakuntala. Rishi returns. Eight types of marriage.

LXXIV Sakuntala presents son to Dushmanta, who refuses her. She talks on the wife, the son, truth.

Voice from heaven confirms her words. Dushmanta accepts her and names the child Bharata.

LXXV Genealogy from Daksha. Yati exchanges age with Puru. LXXVI Sukra, Kacha, Devayani. Eaten and restored to life. LXXVII Kacha refuses Devayani, who asks him to marry her.

LXXVIII Devayani is thrown in the well.

LXXIX Sukra to Devayani.

LXXX Sarmishtha is made to wait on Devayani.

LXXXI Yayati marries Devayani.

LXXXII Yayati causes Sarmishtha to conceive.

LXXXIII Yayati is cursed to Sukra. To avoid decreptitude, Yayati may transfer it to another, who will be

the successive rules.

LXXXIV Puru is the only son to accept Yayati's old age.

LXXXV Puru receives back his youth, and the kingdom.

LXXXVI Yayati in the forest.

LXXXVII Asked by Indra, Yayati relates what he told Puru.

LXXXVIII Yayati is cast down from heaven. LXXXIX Yayati questioned by Ashtaka.

XC Yayati relates birth.

XCI Ashtaka asks re Grihasthas, Bhikshus, Brahmacharins, Vanaprashthas and Muni ways of living.

XCII Ashtaka and Pratardana offer Yayati gifts - Yayati refuses.
XCIII Vasumat and Sivi also offer to Yayati - they all ascend to heaven.

XCIV Lineage from Puru to Santanu. XCV Further lineage in greater detail.

XCVI Ganga and Mahabhisha are cursed to be born on Earth.

XCVII Pratipa promises Santanu to Ganga.

XCVIII Ganga drowns first 7 children, leaves when eighth is born.
 XCIX Explanation of sin (cow of plenty) which caused their birth.
 C Santanu, Bhishma, and Satyavati married to Santanu.
 CI Santanu dies. Chitranganda dies in battle with Ghandharvas.

CII Bhishma steals three daughters of King of Kasi. Bestows two on Vichitravirya, who dies

childless soon after. Eight types of marriage.

CIII -

CIV Bhishma relates story of Vali.

CV Vyasa is called to Father children by Ambika, Ambalika.

CVI Vyasa Fathers three sons.

CVII Story of how Dharma came to be born. Impaling of Mandavya. CVIII God of Justice is cursed. No sin for first 14 years of childs life.

CIX Growth of three sons. Pandu becomes king.

CX Dhritarashtra receives a wife.

CXI Kunti receives boon to invoke Gods. Karna is born.

CXII Kunti chooses Pandu.

CXIII Pandu receives Madri. Pandu starts conquering the world.

CXIV -

CXV Hundred sons for Dhritarashtra. He is advised to abandon Duryodhana.

CXVI Daughter of Dhritarashtra. CXVII Dhritarashtra's sons.

CXVIII Pandu is cursed for killing a deer.
CXIX Pandu becomes an ascetic.

CXX Four debts we have in this world. Six kinds of sons. Pandu commands Kunti to bring forth

offspring.

CXXI Kunti begs children from Pandu.

CXXII Pandu relates how women were once free, but must now adhere to one man. Kunti is commanded

to call the God of Justice.

CXXIII First three sons are born to Kunti. Adorations when Arjuna born.

CXXIV Madri bears the Aswins: Nakula, Sahadeva.

CXXV Pandu dies in intercourse with Madri. Madri ascends funeral pyre.

CXXVI Rest of family return to Kurujungala.

CXXVII Funeral.

CXXVIII Vyasa advises Satyavati of the annihilation of the race. Duryodhana plots against the Pandavas.

Tries to kill Bhima.

CXXIX Bhima returns after drinking nectar of strength. All boys sent to study under Gautama (Kripa).

CXXX Birth of Kripa and Kripi.

CXXXI Birth of Drona, Aswatthaman. Drona receives weapon knowledge.

CXXXII Drupada refuses friendship with Drona.

CXXXIII Drona is accepted by Bhisma for training the Kurus.

CXXXIV Kurus learn from Drona. Nishada prince practices in forest, but gives right thumb when asked.

Test with bird in tree.

CXXXV Arjuna rescues Drona from Alligator. Receives Brahmasira weapon.

CXXXVI Tournament to show feats of the Princes.

CXXXVII Tournament.

CXXXVIII Karna enters ring. Arjuna and Karna make ready for combat.

CXXXIX Karna, crowned King of Anga.

CXL Drupada is brought to Drona as preceptor's fee.

CXLI -

CXLII Speech from Kanika to Dhritarashtra on how to deal with foes (bad!).

CXLIII Summary of plot to burn Pandavas in house of lac.
CXLIV Duryodhana and Dhritarashtra plot to exile Pandavas.

CXLV Pandavas decide to go to Varanavata.

CXLVI Duryodhana arranges for house of lac to be constructed.

CXLVII Pandavas set out for Varanavata, having been warned by Vidura.

CXLVIII Pandavas in house of lac.
CXLIX Miner comes to the Pandavas.

CL Pandavas set fire to house, burning a Nishada woman. They escape.

CLI Pandavas escape in a boat.

CLII -

CLIII Bhima gets water for brothers. They sleep out on the ground.

CLIV Rakshasas sister falls in love with Bhima.

CLV Bhima fights Hidimva (Rakshasa).

CLVI Bhima kills the Rakshasa.

CLVII Bhima marries Hidimva; birth of Ghatotkacha.

CLVIII Vyasa directs them to Ekachakra.
CLIX Pandavas dwell in Brahmana's house.

CLX Brahmana family give moralistic speeches of who should be sacrificed.

CLXI Daughter and son beg to be sacrificed.
CLXII Brahmana tells Kunti of Vaka.

CLXIII Kunti promises Bhima will deliver food.

CLXIV -

CLXV Fight with Vaka.

CLXVI -

CLXVII Summary of Draupadi story to come.
CLXVIII Review of Drona and Drupada (and lineage).

CLXIX Draupadi (Krishna) and Dhrishtadyumna are born for Drupada.

CLXX -

CLXXI Pandavas set out for Panchala. CLXXII Arjuna defeats King of Gandharvas.

CLXXIII Story of Tapati. CLXXIV Story of Tapati. CLXXV Story of Tapati.

CLXXVI Legend of Viswamitra and Vasishtha (lineage).

CLXXVII .. continued.

CLXXVIII Vasishtha unable to kill himself. CLXXIX Reconciled with Kalmashapada.

CLXXX Vasishtha consoles son with story of Kshatriyas destroying Bhrigu's.

CLXXXI Aurva becomes set on destruction of all creatures.

CLXXXII Aurva is appeased by the Pitris.

CLXXXIII Parasara's Rakshasa destroying sacrifice is stopped. CLXXXIV Kalmashapada is cursed for devouring a Brahmana.

CLXXXV Pandavas select Dhaumya for their priest. CLXXXVI Pandavas set out to Draupadi's swayamvara.

CLXXXVII Ceremony begins: test is to shoot five arrows through a mark.

CLXXXVIII Names of those who will try.

CLXXXIX Tries at stringing bow. Karna is refused by Draupadi.

CLXL Arjuna shoots and wins Draupadi.

CLXLI Monarchs rush at Drupada with rage. Arjuna and Bhima stand to protect him.

CLXLII Battle stops. Krishna quietens crowd.

CLXLIII All five decide to wed Draupadi. Krishna comes to them. CLXLIV Dhrishtadyumna follows Draupadi to Pandavas residence.

CLXLV .. continued.

CLXLVI Prepare for wedding.

CLXLVII Pandavas releal their identity. Confusion over how to marry five men!

CLXLVIII Vyasa turns up to explain five marriage to Drupada.

CLXLIX Vyasa explains about the five Indras, and Gods from whence Drupaudi and Pandavas sprung.

CC Drupada consents. Marriage takes place.

CCI .. continued.

CCII News carried to Duryodhana and Dhritarashtra.

CCIII Plot against the Pandavas.

CCIV Plot.

CCV Bhishma gives verdict - kingdom to be divided in half.

CCVI Drona and Karna speak.

CCVII Vidura speaks.

CCVIII Vidura invites Pandavas back to kingdom.

CCIX Pandavas are given half the kingdom. They build Indraprastha.

CCX Narada visits Pandavas. CCXI Story of Sunda and Upasunda.

CCXII Asura brothers conquer world and heavens.

CCXIII Tilottama is created.

CCXIV Asura brothers destroy themselves in jealosy.

CCXV In order to catch robbers, Arjuna enters chamber where Yudhishthira was with Draupadi.

Arjuna has to go to woods.

CCXVI Ulupi takes Arjuna for one night. CCXVII Arjuna has a son by Chitrangada.

CCXVIII Story of Vaga and four companions who were turned into crocodiles.

CCXIX .. continued.

CCXX Arjuna and Krishna meet.

CCXXI Arjuna falls in love with Bhada, Krishna's sister.

CCXXII Ariuna steals Bhadra.

CCXXIII Re-united. Drupadi's jealousy. Sons of all Pandavas.

CCXXIV Picnic and revelry.

CCXXV Agni comes to Krishna and Arjuna. Explanation of why Agni must burn forest.

CCXXVI -

CCXXVII Krishna and Arjuna receive car and weapons.

CCXXVIII Fire starts. Krishna and Arjuna prevent creatures escaping.

CCXXIX They battle with the celestials. CCXXX Fire continues. Maya is protected.

CCXXXI Four birds, Mandapala's children, escaped.

CCXXXII Four infant birds and Mother.

CCXXXIII Mother bird leaves.

CCXXXIV Agni leaves the four birds who address him with a hymn. CCXXXV Parent birds return. Father scolds Mother for rejecting him.

CCXXXVI Agni burns forest. Grant Arjuna and Krishna boons. Leaves Arjuna, Krishna and Maya on bank

of the river.

VOLUME II - SABHA PARVA

I Maya asked to build a Palace in return for safety from fire.

II Krishna leaves the Pandavas.III Maya constructs the palace.IV Yudhishthira enters the palace.

V Narada questions Yudhishthira on the actions/duties of a king.

VI Yudhishthira asks about celestial meeting-halls. VII Pushkaramalini (Indra's) meeting-house.

VIII Yama's assembly house.
IX Varuna's assembly house.
X Kuvera's assembly house.

XI Sabha of Brahma.

XII Harischandra's deeds to get him to Sakra's hall. Yudhishthira hears of Rajasaya sacrifice.

XIII Yudhishthira consults about the sacrifice. He asks Krishna.

XIV Krishna warns him of the might of Jarasandha.

XV They discuss attaching Jarasandha. XVI Arjuna speaks - opinion is to fight.

XVII Krishna relates birth of son of King Vrihadratha.

XVIII Story.

XIX Jarasandha attains throne.

XX Krishna, Arjuna, Bhima, set out to fight Jarasandha.

XXI Enter the city. Break down a peak. Are taken into the palace.

XXII Meeting with Jarasandha. Resolve to fight.
XXIII Fight begins. Jarasandha tires on the 14th day.

XXIV Jarasandha is killed. Imprisoned kings are freed. Presents made to Yudhishthira.

XXV Pandavas set out to subjugate world - North, South, East and West.

XXVI Arjuna goes north.

XXVII Arjuna.

XXVIII Bhima goes east.

XXIX Bhima.

XXX Sahadeva in the South. King Nila and Agni put up a fight.

XXXI Nakula in the West.

XXXII Yudhishthira begins the sacrifice.

XXXIII Kings come, including Dhritarashtra and Duryodhana.

XXXIV Tributes brought.

XXXV Narada is mindful of the true position of Krishna and the incarnate gods. XXXVI Sisupala, King of Chedi, speaks against offer of Arghya to Krishna.

XXXVII Yudhishthira and Bhishma speak to Sisupala.

XXXVIII Sisupala stirs up the monarchs to disrupt the sacrifice.

XXXIX Yudhishthira consults Bhishma.
XL Sisupala reproaches Bhishma.
XLI Bhima becomes angry.

XLII Story of Sisupala's birth - he brayed like an ass.

XLIII Sisupala continues reproaching Bhishma - compares him to Bhulinga bird, which preaches against

rashness but eats out of lions mouth. Bhishma challenges Kings to battle Krishna.

XLIV Krishna beheads Sisupals with his discuss. Sacrifice completes. Monarchs go home except

Duryodhana and Sakuni.

XLV Vyasa tells Yudhishthira that for 13 years there will be portents in celestial, atmospherical and

terrestial regions, ending with fall of Kshatriyas. Depresses Yudhishthira who vows never to

argue with anyone.

XLVI Duryodhana returns home, jealous and embarrassed (after falling in lake, etc, deluded in the

Pandavas palace from Maya).

XLVII Duryodhana and Sakuni plot against the Pandavas.

XLVIII Dhritarashtra agrees to let gambling game commence with the Pandavas. Vidura sent to

Pandavas.

XLIX Dhritarashtra tries to dissuade Duryodhana.

Duryodhana describes tributes made to Yudhishthira.

LI (ditto) LII (ditto)

LIII Dhritarashtra again addresses Duryodhana. LIV Duryodhana tries to sway his Father.

LV Dhritarashtra concedes. Pandavas sent for. Hall built. LVI Vidura complains. Dhritarashtra resigns to fate.

LVII Pandavas go to Hastinapura.

LVIII Sakuni draws Yudhishthira into playing.

LIX Play begins.

LX Play. Yudhishthira losing all.

LXI Vidura begs Dhritarashtra to let Duryodhana be slain.

LXII Vidura speaking.
LXIII Durvodhana retorts.

LXIV Yudhishthira loses rest of wealth, Pandavas and Draupadi.

LXV Vidura speaks out against the winning. LXVI Draupadi dragged into the room.

LXVII Attempt to disrobe Draupadi - Dharma replaces the robes. Quote on Prahlada re answering

Draupadi's question.

LXVIII Bhishma questioned by Draupadi as to whether she was won.

LXIX Pandavas called on to speak. Bhima speaks.

LXX Further discussion. Dhritarashtra offers Draupadi two boons. The Pandavas are freed.

LXXI Bhima is angry.

LXXII Dhritarashtra frees the Pandavas.

LXXIII Plot to play again and exile the Pandavas. Dhritarashtra agrees disregarding Drona, etc.

LXXIV Dhritarashtra disregards Gandhari. LXXV Return to dice and play for exile.

LXXVI Pandavas leaving, promising to destroy Kurus in battle.

LXXVII Leaving. LXXVIII Kunti mourns.

LXXIX Drona predicts great calamity from the evil omens.

LXXX Sanjaya addresses Dhritarashtra.

VOLUME III - VANA PARVA

(Part I)

I Pandavas leave Hastinapura followed by citizens.

II Yudhishthira and a Brahman discuss eight causes of misery, attachment to wealth, inaction.
 III 108 names for sun. Yudhishthira sings hymn to sun to secure food for the Brahmana's.

IV Vidura talks with Dhritarashtra. Dhritarashtra disregards him.

V Vidura comes to the Pandavas.

VI Dhritarashtra requests Vidura to return home.

VII Duryodhana and gang set out to slay Pandavas. Vyasa turns them back.

VIII Vyasa speaks to Dhritarashtra.

IX Vyasa relates story of Indra and Suravi (Mother of Cows).

X Rishi Maitreya arrives. Curses Duryodhana.
 XI Story of how Bhima killed Rakshasa Kirmira.
 XII Draupadi pours out all her woes to Krishna.

XIII Krishna says that dicing would not have commenced if he had been there.

XIV Krishna describes his encounter with Salwa and Danavas. XV Salwa attacking Dwaravate (whilst Krishna was away).

XVI Krishna's son fighting the Danavas.

XVII Pradyumna falls in battle.

XVIII Pradyumna tells charioteer to drive back into battle.

XIX Pradyumna knocks Salwa down, but is prevented from slaying him.

XX Krishna returns, then sets out and begins battle with Salwa.

XXI Fight.

XXII Krishna destroys Salwa. Return from Pandavas to Dwaraka.

XXIII Pandavas head further into the forest.

XXIV Go to Lake Dwaitawana.

XXV Markandeya comes by: "I am mighty" speech.

XXVI Brahmanas come to Pandavas. XXVII Draupadi complains to Yudhishthira.

XXVIII Draupadi uses Vali-Prahlada discussion to talk on forgiveness.

XXIX Yudhishthira speaks on forgiveness and anger.

XXX Draupadi complains further, on fate.

XXXI Yudhishthira speaks back on religion and fruits of virtue.

XXXII Draupadi speaks more, on success, destiny from former lives, prosperity.

XXXIII Bhima speaks long on virtue, wealth, pleasure. Encourages Yudhishthira to fight.

XXXIV Yudhishthira replies, urging patience. XXXV Bhima still angry - urges action.

XXXVI Vyasa arrives and advises Yudhishthira that Arjuna will obtain weapons. XXXVII Arjuna leaves. Journeys north till meets Sakra. Practices austerities.

XXXVIII Arjuna's journey through the forests.
XXXIX Arjuna battles Siva, and loses. Sees Siva.

XL Siva gives Arjuna the Bhramasira weapon. Arjuna goes to heaven.

XLI Arjuna receives weapons from the Gods.

XLII Arjuna taken up to abode of Indra (chariot => aeroplane?).

XLIII Arjuna meets Indra in heaven.

XLIV Obtains weapons. Chitrasena teaches him music and singing.

XLV Urvasi sent to Arjuna.

XLVI Arjuna refuses Urvasi. She curses him to spend time among women, disregarded, as a dancer

(useful in the 13th year of exile - Virata Parva XI).

XLVII Lomasa sent as messenger from Indra to Yudhishthira.

XLVIII Dhritarashthra hears of Arjuna in heaven.

XLIX Dhritarashtra and Sanjaya discuss coming fate in battle.

L Food Pandavas ate in the wilderness.

LI Battle discussed more (between Dhritarashtra and Sanjaya).

LII Bhima again asks Yudhishthira to right. Bhima is pacified. Rishi Vrihadswa arrives to relate

story of Nala and Damayanti (most miserable person).

(--- Nala & Damayanti ---)

LIII Birth of Damayanti of Bhima. Nala and Damayanti hear of each other.

LIV Damayanti is to have her swayamvara. Gods and Nala set off.

LV Nala sent by Gods to Damayanti as a messenger.

LVI Nala gives message, but Damayanti chooses Nala at the ceremony.

LVII Nala chosen. Granted boons by celestials. Damayanti has a son and a daughter (both called

Indrasena).

LVIII Gods meet Kali on their way back to heaven. Kali becomes angry.

LIX Kali possesses Nala in 12th year when he failed to wash his feet. Dice game begins - Nala loses

everything.

LX Nala disregards all. Children removed to Vidarbha.

LXI Pushkara wins all. Nala banished. Birds fly off with his cloth.

LXII Sleeping in a shed, Nala, after several attempts, leaves Damayanti with half of their garment.

LXIII Damayanti awakes. Runs looking for Nala. A snake grabs her, but she is freed by a huntsman.

He tries to rape her - her curse kills him.

LXIV Meets Rishis who assure her all will end well. Meets up with caravan train.

LXV Caravan train is destroyed by herd of elephants. Damayanti wanders in to city of Chedis.

Accepted by queen mother.

LXVI Nala frees a Rishi from snake form. Bites Nala so he changes form. Nala instructed on where to

go, what to do.

LXVII Nala taken on in city of Rituparna.

LXVIII Bhima sends Brahmanas to search for Nala and Damayanti. Damayanti is at last found.

LXIX Damayanti returned to parents. Search for Nala strengthened.

LXX Nala traced. Sudeva sent with message about Damayanti's second swayamvara.

LXXI Nala is charioteer to Rituparna. Rituparna suspects him to be Nala.

LXXII Nala exchanges knowledge of horses for dice knowledge. Kali leaves his body.

LXXIII Rituparna arrives and is welcomed. No sign of Nala to Damayanti. No swayamvara.

LXXIV Kesini sent by Damayanti to discover chariot-drivers identity.

LXXV Kesini recognises Nala by way of water, fire, taste of meat he cooks.

LXXVI Nala and Damayanti reunited. LXXVII Rituparna returns home.

LXXVIII Nala beats Pushkara in dice. Send him away to his old city.

LXXIX Story completed. Yudhishthira leans science of dice from Vrihadaswa.

LXXX Pandavas grieve for Arjuna's return.

LXXXI Narada comes to Pandavas. Story of Bhishma and Pulastya.

LXXXII Description of where to visit the sacred shrines.

LXXXIII Tour of lakes, descriptions of (Purusa-)Rama and Mankamada (vegetable juice flowed from his

hand).

LXXXIV Tour of sacred fords.

LXXXV Pulastya completes description to Bhishma. Ends at Prayaga. Mention of great rishis (Valmiki,

Kasyapa, Atreya, Kundajathara, Viswamitra, Gautama, Asita, Devala, Markandeya, Galava, Bharadwaja, Vasishtha, plus Munis: Uddalaka, Saunaka, Vyasa, Durvasas, Javali. Narada,

Lomasa).

LXXXVI Yudhishthira desires to move on from woods.

LXXXVII Dhaumya begins to relate tirthas in the south to Yudhishthira.

LXXXVIII Dhaumya continues (south).
LXXXIX Dhaumya continues (west).
XC Dhaumya continues (north).

XCI Lomasa comes and relates Sakra's message to Yudhishthira.

XCII Pandavas set out to tour the sacred tirthas.

XCIII Set out, with blessings of Lomasa, Vyasa, Parvata and Narada.
XCIV Yudhishthira asks how it is he has merit, but also great sorrow.
XCV Start of tour of tirthas. Shamatha tells of Gaya's sacrifices.

XCVI Lomasa relates story of Ilwala, Vatapi (come out of people after being eaten by them),

Lopamudra.

XCVII Agastya marries Lopamudra. She desires comfortable bed for intercourse.

XCVIII Agastya goes out in search of wealth. All kings have equal income and expenditure. Go to

Ilwala

XCIX Vatapi cooked and offered - is digested by Agastya. Given wealth. Bestows son Drishasyu on

Lopamudra. Also story of Rama losing his strength. Rama meets Rama.

C Story from Krita age. Celestial to rid worlds of Vritra.

CI Indra slays Vritra. Danavas retire to the sea and plot destruction.

CII Danavas start eating Munis at night.

CIII Ask Agastya (son of Mitra and Varuna) to dry up ocean. CIV Agastya prevents Vindhya from obstructing path of sun.

CV Sea drunk, but Agastya cannot bring it back!
CVI Story of Sagara - sixty thousand sons, plus one son.

CVII Sagara's horse sacrifice. 60,000 sons burnt by Kapila. Abandoned other son. Lineage from

grandson.

CVIII Bhagiratha through austerities asks Ganga to carry 60,000 ancestors to heaven. Siva to hold

Ganga's return to earth.

CIX Ganga falls to earth, floods ancestors spot, fills the sea.
CX Story of King of Anga and Rishyasringa - to relieve draught.

CXI Woman goes to tempt Rishyasringa. CXII Rishi returns - son describes the visit.

CXIII Rishyasringa goes to Anga. Rain falls. Married to Santa. Vibhandaka appeased.

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CXIV Sacred fords.

CXV Story of Rama (Jamadagni's son) and Arjuna (Haihaya).

CXVI Rama kills his Mother, then restores her to life.

CXVII Rama's father killed. Rama exterminates all followers of the military cast. Leaves 5 lakes of

blood.

CXVIII Sacred fords. Krishna and Balarama come to Pandavas.

CXIX Balarama speaks against Duryodhana.
CXX Satyaki, Krishna and Yudhishthira speak.
CXXI Tour continues. Mentions Treta and Kali ages.
CXXII Story of Chayavana, eyes being pierced by Sukanya.

CXXIII Aswins make Chayavana young again. He promises them Soma juice.

CXXIV Indra tries to prevent soma offering to Aswins. Chayavana paralyses his arm and turns a demon

on him.

CXXV Indra relents. Demon released (becomes alcohol, gambling, women).
CXXVI Birth of Mandhata from his father's side, after drinking sacrificial water.

CXXVII King Somaka has one son - Jantu.

CXXVIII Jantu sacrificed for 100 sons. King later joins priest in hell for committing the sin.

CXXIX Tour.

CXXX Kuru field Daksha pronounced that all that die on it will go to heaven.

CXXXI Hawk and Dove and Usinara.

CXXXII Ashtavakra, son of dispiple of Uddalaka. Father defeated in controversy with Vandin and

lrowned.

CXXXIII Ashtavakra gains admittance to Vandin by answering questions: Thunder, lightending, misery,

death. Charioteer wind, cloud or mind. Fish = male being ever conscious. Egg doth not move when produced. Stone, no heart as a soul which has renounced connection with body. River

increases at own speed, as a heart of a Yogi.

CXXXIV Ashtavakra defeats Vandin in discussion going up 1,2, 13.

CXXXV Bharadwaja and Raivya. Yavakri does austerities in order to learn vedas.

CXXXVI Death of Yavakri.

CXXXVII Bharadwaja grieves, curses Raivya, and then renounces life.

CXXXVIII All restored to life.

CXXXIX Lomasa warns Yudhishthira to take care in next stage of journey.

CXL Most austere part of journey so far begins.

CXLI Sories of Vishnu slaying Daitya Naraka, and bear lifting up a sunken world in Krita Yuga.

CXLII Head for Mt Gandhamadana.

CXLIII Draupadi sinks from exhaustion. Bhima calls up Ghatotkacha.
CXLIV Carried by Rakshasas to lovely hermitage of Nara and Narayana.

CXLV Bhima goes in search of flowers for Draupadi. Monkey (Hanuman) obstructs his path.

CXLVI Bhima cannot shift the Monkey's tail.

CXLVII Hanuman gives story of Rama in brief.

CXLVIII Hanuman describes the 4 Yuga's.

CXLIX Hanuman shows hil full form. Describes Kshatriya duties to Bhima.

CL Bhima and Hanuman depart.

CLI Bhima sets out towards golden lotus lake.

CLII Approaches lake. Challenged by Rakshasa guards.

CLIII Bhima beats guards; gathers lotuses. Kuvera (god of wealth) permits this.

CLIV Signs of battle. Bhima is joined by brothers and Draupadi.

CLV Return to hermitage of Nara and Narayana.

CLVI Rakshasa Jatasura carries off Pandavas. Bhima slays him.
CLVII Pandavas journey to romantic forest mountains to expect Arjuna.

CLVIII Greeted by sage Arshtishena.

CLIX Draupadi asks Bhima to go to summit. Bhima wars with Rakshasas.

CLX Pandavas arrive. Kuvera, lord of treasures arrives. Not angry with Bhima. Relates as pre-

destiny, and frees him from curse of Agastya.

CLXI Kuvera speaks to Yudhishthira. Leaves.

CLXII Arshtishena and Dhaumya talk of gods, day and night.

CLXIII Arjuna's return is close.

CLXIV Arjuna returns.

CLXV Purandara visits the Pandavas.

CLXVI Arjuna begins to relate tale: fight with Siva.

CLXVII Arjuna receives weapons from Indra. Sent to slay Danavas.

CLXVIII Fight begins.

CLXIX Fight.

CLXX Fight with illusion. CLXXI Fight concluded.

CLXXII Arjuna also destroys Asuras in floating city.

CLXXIII Concludes story.

CLXXIV Arjuna is prevented from displaying weapons.

CLXXV Bhima wishes to return to fight Duryodhana. Pandavas leave.

CLXXVI Leave mountain and head over Himalayas.
CLXXVII Bhima sporting in hills. Grabbed by a serpent.
CLXXVIII Snake explains curse. Bhima is powerless.

CLXXIX Yudhishthira answers questions of snake (sage Nahusha) on recognition of Brahmana.

CLXXX More discussion on transmigration of soul, mind and intellect. Return home.

CLXXXI Rainy season begins.

CLXXXII Krishna, Narada and Markandeya all come to Pandavas. Markandeya speaks on deeds of

men and fruits in this world and the next.

CLXXXIII Greatness of the Brahmanas.

CLXXXIV Guatama and Atri.

CLXXXV Tarkshya questioning Saraswati what is best to do.

CLXXXVI Legend of the Fish. Manu with Ark (similar to Noah).

Kali Yuga description, dissolution of the Universe.

CLXXXVIII Creator addressing Markandeya.
CLXXXIX Description of the end of Kali Yuga.

CLXL Dawning of Krita age. Yudhishthira also asks of his duty.
CLXLI Power of Brahmanas - story of Vamadeva and Varni steeds.
CLXLII Vaka answers Indra on Joy and Sorrow of immortals.

CLXLIII Greatness of Kshatriyas. CLXLIV Greatness of Kshatriyas. CLXLV Greatness of Kshatriyas.

CLXLVI King Sivi, Agni and Indra as Hawk and Dove.

CLXLVII Narada relates to four great kings who will fall from heaven first, and why.

CLXLVIII Ask about oldest lived. Story of Indradyumna, owl, crane, tortoise.

CLXLIX Many more questions: charity, Brahmanas. CC History of Dhundhumara. Vishnu talks to Utanka.

CCI Vrihadaswa met by Utanka.

CCII Creation from Vishnu. Madhu and Kaitabha (Son Dhundhu).

CCIII Kuvalaswa slays Dhundhu.

CCIV Yudhishthira asks re duties of chaste women.

CCV Story of Brahmana Kausika and the crane, and the woman.

CCVI Fowler discusses virtue with Kausika.
CCVII Fowler discusses Karma with Kausika.

CCVIII Fowler relates birth and death. Karma. Fruit of actions.

CCIX 17 subtle elements.

CCX 5 major elements. Self restraint.

CCXI Guna.

CCXII Vital fires (prana).
CCXIII Taken to Fowler's parents.

CCXIV Brahmana advised to return to parents. Fowlers previous existence.

CCXV Brahmana returns home.

CCXVI Yudhishthira asks re fire and fire-gods.
CCXVII Children of Angiras and Subha.
CCXVIII Fire sons of Vrishaspati.

CCXIX Gods, including those that obstruct sacrifices (note Persian Mitra).

CCXX More on fires.

CCXXI Atharvan brings back fire.

CCXXII Story of Kartikeya. Indra defeats Kesin. CCXXIII Indra searches for husband for Devasena.

CCXXIV Agni weds Swaha. Powerful Skanda born (6 wives of 7 Rishis).

CCXXV Sakra afraid to slay Skanda.) References to 3rd, CCXXVI Indra pierces Skanda with thunderbolt. New Skanda.) 4th, 5th day, etc.

CCXXVII Followers of Skanda. Women become mothers of the world.) of the CCXXVIII Sakra's duties. Skanda marries Devasena.) lunar month.

CCXXIX Evil spirits that dwell over men: less than 16; 16-70; free from 70.
CCXXX Battle between Gods with Skanda, and Asuras. Names of Skanda.
CCXXXI Draupadi explains to Satyabhama how she treats her husbands.

CCXXXII Draupadi tells how to worship Krishna as a husband.

CCXXXIII Krishna and Satyabhama leave.

CCXXXIV Talk in Kuru court of the Pandavas. Fruit of actions.
CCXXXV Sakuni speaks of going to look down on the Pandavas.
CCXXXVI Karna, Sakuni, Duryodhana plot to bisit cattle near Pandavas.

CCXXXVII Dhritarashtra is swayed into giving permission.

CCXXXVIII Duryodhana approaches lake where Yudhishthira is. Meets Gandharvas.

CCXXXIX Battle with Gandharvas.

CCXL Pandavas are asked for help after Duryodhana is taken captive.

CCXLI Yudhishthira promises help.

CCXLII Battle between Arjuna and Gandharvas.

CCXLIII Battle ends abruptly.

CCXLIV Duryodhana released - ashamed.

CCXLV Meets up with Kama.

CCXLVI Duryodhana relates his defeat and release.
CCXLVII Duryodhana and followers plunged into sorrow.
CCXLVIII Karna tries to cheer him up. Duryodhana wishes to die.

CCXLIX Duryodhana brought before Danavas.
CCL Duryodhana influenced by Danavas to fight.

CCLI More plotting against Pandavas.
CCLII Karna subjugates neighbouring cities.

CCLIII Prepare to sacrifice, opposing Pandavas sacrifice.

CCLIV Invitations to all Kings.

CCLV Completion. Karna vows to kill Arjuna in battle.

CCLVI Deer ask Yudhishthira to leave forest.

CCLVII Vyasa comes to Pandavas. Talk on rebirth, fruit of actions.

CCLVIII Mudgala and Drona's corn.

CCLIX Description of heaven. Mudgala refuses and sets mind on attaining Para Brahma.

CCLX Durvasa visits Duryodhana. Sent to Pandavas.

CCLXI Krishna takes one grain of rise and satisfy Durvasa and followers, who run off before feast.

CCLXII King of Sindhu comes across Draupadi.

CCLXIII They approach Draupadi.

CCLXIV Draupadi speaks.

CCLXV Jayadratha goes and invites Draupadi to leave with him.

CCLXVI Draupadi is forcefully abducted.
CCLXVII Pandavas come back and take chase.
CCLXVIII Pandavas are seen approaching.

CCLXIX Draupadi released in fight. Jayadratha flies. CCLXX Jayadratha captured and disgraced. Released.

CCLXXI Yudhishthira asks Markandeya how it was Draupadi was taken.

(--- Ramayana story ---)

CCLXXII Birth of Ravana, Rama, Sita.

CCLXXIII Ravana and his brothers gain boons from Brahma.

CCLXXIV Birth of Gods for destruction of Ravana.

CCLXXV Story of Rama. Exile. CCLXXVI Sita is abducted.

CCLXXVII Jatayu (Vulture king) attacks Ravana and is slain.

CCLXXVIII Rama aids fight between Sugriva and Vali. Sita is reassured by Rakshasa woman of coming of

Rama.

CCLXXIX Rayana tries to tempt Sita.

CCLXXX Sugrivas troops search for Sita. Hanuman returns with a sighting.

CCLXXXI Bridge built over sea. Vibhishana comes to Rama.

CCLXXXII Battle begins.

CCLXXXIII Hero's match with each other.

CCLXXXIV Monkeys triumphing. Ravana rouses Kumbhakama.

CCLXXXV Kumbhakama killed.

CCLXXXVI Indrajit fights. Rama and Lakshmana drop.

CCLXXXVII Indrajit killed. Avindhyu restrains Ravana from killing Sita.

CCLXXXVIII Ravana is slain.

CCLXXXIX Rama and Sita reunited.

CCLXL Yudhishthira comforted by Markandeya. CCLXLI Chaste merit of Savitri. Story begins.

CCLXLII Savitri chooses Satyavan, who will die in one years time.

CCLXLIII Savitri marries.

CCLXLIV Day of Satyavan's death arrives. Satitri goes to woods with him. CCLXLV Savitri obtains boons from Yama, and restores life to Satyavan.

CCLXLVI Return home.

CCLXLVII Good fortune to all. Story completes.

CCLXLVIII Sun tries to dissuade Karna from giving away earings and mail.

CCLXLIX (ditto).

CCC Sun recommends Karna accept an infallible dart in exchange for mail.

CCCI Story of Karna. Kuntibhoja's daughter to serve Brahmana's.

CCCII Pritha waits upon Brahmana.

CCCIII Brahmana leaves giving Kunti boon.

CCCIV Kunti invokes sun god.

CCCV Sun bestows son on Kunti, leaving her chaste.
CCCVI Kunti gives birth, set child down river in a basket.

CCCVII Karna grows up.

CCCVIII Karna gives to Indra his mail and ear-rings in exchange for a dart which will destroy one powerful

foe

CCCIX Pandavas set out after a deer with sticks stuck in its antlers.

CCCX Four Pandavas in turn go in search of water. Each drop dead by lake.

CCCXI Yudhishthira answers questions from crane. Crane permits one to live. Yudhishthira

chooses Nakula - all are revived.

CCCXII Crane identified as Lord of Justice. Grants boons to Yudhishthira. (Six: hunger, thirst, sorrow,

bluntness of mortal feeling, decreptitude, death - 2 first, 2 second, 2 in third part of life).

CCCXIII Prepare to live 13th year of exile in disguise.

VOLUME IV - VIRATA PARVA

I Pandavas decide to spend time in Virata. Yudhishthira as courtier.

II Bhima will be a cook. Arjuna a eunoch.

III Nakula to train horses. Sahudeva, kine. Krishna a serving woman.

IV Instructed on how to behave in front of a king.

V Store arms in tree. Enter city. VI Invoke and worship goddess Durga.

VII Yudhishthira takes up post as dice-player with king.

VIII Bhima takes up post in kitchen.

IX Draupadi as maidservant to queens daughter.

X Sahadeva as chief cow herd.

XI Arjuna eunoch teaching singing and dancing to kings daughter.

XII Nakula takes up chief horse keeper.

XIII Bhima made to wrestle and beat top athletes.
XIV General Kichaka tries to woo Draupadi.
XV Draupadi sent to bring wine to Kichaka.

XVI Kichaka fights to take Draupadi. She escapes to court.

XVII Draupadi goes to Bhima's chamber. XVIII Complains of the grief in court.

XIX (ditto). XX (ditto).

XXI Draupadi asks Bhima to slay Kichaka.

XXII Arrange to meet Kichaka in dancing hall. Meets Bhima instead who crushes Kichaka.

XXIII Relative make to burn Draupadi on funeral pyre. Bhima slays 105 of them. They free Draupadi.

XXIV Alarm in kingdom. Asked to leave. Draupadi asks for 13 days.

XXV Duryodhana spies return home. Kichakas death known.

XXVI More spies sent to search.

XXVII Drona speaks.

XXVIII Bhima speaks, of qualities of place where Pandavas reside.

XXIX Krips speaks, of tactics for coming encounter.

XXX Decide to invade King of Matsya.

XXXI Pandavas join battle against Trigartas (13 years completed).

XXXII Battle.

XXXIII Pandavas rescue Virata, capture Susarman (King of Trigartas).

XXXIV Return to city.

XXXV Meanwhile Duryodhana has stolen royal cattle from city.

XXXVI Arjuna asked to be charioteer to bring back kine.

XXXVII Arjuna mounts chariot with Uttara.

XXXVIII Face foe. Uttara funs in fear. Arjuna drags him back and prepares to fight.

XXXIX Recognise Arjuna while riding chariot.
XL Arrive at Sami tree. Retrieve Gandiva bow.

XLI Uttara climbs tree and finds bows.XLII Uttara marvels at the weapons.XLIII Arjuna explains weapons.

XLIV Ten names of Arjuna (Arjuna, Falguma, Jishnu, Kiritin, Swetavahana, Vibhatsu, Vijaya, Krishna,

Savyasachin, Dhanajaya).

XLV Prepare for battle.

XLVI Set out. Drona notes bod omens for Kurus.

XLVII Duryodhana and Karna disregard Drona. Prepare for battle.

XLVIII Karna prepares to fight Arjuna.

XLIX Kripa argues with Karna, but prepares to fight.

L Aswatthaman refuses to fight Arjuna.

LI Bhisma appeases all and encourages to fight. Drona concurs.

LII Bhisma agrees 13 year vow fulfilled. Array soldiers to battle.

LIII Arjuna heads for Duryodhana. Fighting begins. LIV Fight. Arjuna routes hero's, including Karna. LV Checks hero's. Markes toward Kripa.

LVI Gods come to watch. LVII Kripa vanquished.

LVIII Fight with Drona. Aswatthaman enters allowing Drona to leave.

LIX Fight with Aswatthaman, suffering broken Gandiva string.

LX Fight with Karna again - Karna wounded and runs.

LXI Attack Bhishma. Also sons of Dhritarashtra are wounded.

LXII Arjuna cuts down thousands of warriors.

LXIII Bhishma and Arjuna have terrible fight. Bhishma faints and is taken away. LXIV Duryodhana wounds Arjuna, who wound him in return. Duryodhana flies.

LXV Strip Drona, Karna, Kripa of robes, flagstaffs. Arjuna leaves battle. Kurus return home.

LXVI Arjuna returns to city.

LXVII Yudhishthira and the Matsya king talk. King is angry at praise of Vrihannala. Strikes

Yudhishthira in face.

LXVIII Son enters and Virata apologises. Starts to praise son.

LXIX Uttara tells of Arjuna's deeds.
LXX Five Pandava's reveal themselves.

LXXI Praise of Pandavas. Virata's daughter offered.

LXXII Married to Arjuna's son. Neighbouring kings bring tribute. Krishna comes.

VOLUME V - UDDYOGA PARVA

I Krishna speaks at assembly, suggesting a messenger should go to Duryodhana and request half of

kingdom.

II Baladeva speaks.

III Satyaki speaks, requesting battle.

IV Drupada speaks.

V Pandavas send messenger for peace. Kings assembling on each side.

VI Drupada speaks to messenger priest.

VII Duryodhana and Arjuna come to Krishna for aid. Arjuna obtains Krishna, Duryodhana an army.

Other kings take sides.

VIII Salya comes. Grants boon to Duryodhana to fight. Grants Yudhishthira to dispirit Karna in

battle.

IX Story of Indra, and fight with Twashtri's offspring.

X Fight between Indra and Vritra. After Indra's victory he is concealed due to Brahmanicide.
 XI Nahusha becomes King of celestials. Turns to sensual pleasures. Persues Indra's queen Sachi.

XII Sachi obtains Vrihaspati's protection. Gods persuade her to go to Nahusha.

XIII By sacrifice Indra is freed from sin.

XIV Goddess of Divination brings Sachi to Indra.]
XV Sachi requests vehicle to carry Nahusha to her.

XVI Indra restored to form. Allies with Kuvera, Yama, Agni, Varuna to overthrow Nahusha.
XVII Agastya meanwhile hurls Nahusha to earth as a snake (see Vana Parva, CLXXVIX).
XVIII Story completes of Sorrow of Indra and wife. Salya, king of Madras, returns home.

XIX Armies come to Duryodhana and Yudhishthira.
XX Priest comes to Dhritarashtra - asks for peace.
XXI Bhishma and Karna argue. Dhritarashtra intervenes.

XXII Sanjaya sent to Pandavas. XXIII Yudhishthira replies. XXIV Sanjaya continues (peace).

XXV Dhritarashtra's message of peace is related.

XXVI Yudhishthira speaks - asks for Indraprastha as kingdom, for peace.
XXVII Sanjaya begs Yudhishthira under no cirnumstances to go to war.

XXVIII Yudhishthira replies and refers to Krishna.

XXIX Krishna speaks for peace. Mentions duties of the four castes.

XXX Yudhishthira gives departing message to Sanjaya.

XXXI Yudhishthira speaking.

XXXII Sanjaya comes to Dhritarashtra.

XXXIII Vidura instructs Dhritarashtra in ways of virtue. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

XXXIV Further advice from Vidura.

XXXV Story of Virochana and Sudhanwan.

XXXVI More council. Dhritarashtra asks re high families.

XXXVII More council. Seven and 10 kinds of men.

XXXVIII Vidura talks further on virtue.

XXXIX Vidura on prosperity.

XL Further advice. Dhritarashtra says Destiny is responsible.

XLI Call up Rishi Sanat-sujata.

XLII Dhritarashtra questions Rishi on virtue and vice. XLIII Questions on austerities, renunciation, Supreme Soul.

XLIV Questions on attainment of Brahmana.

XLV Advice re friends. XLVI Supreme soul.

XLVII Council of Kurus meet to hear message from Sanjaya.

XLVIII Delivers Arjuna's speech.

XLIX Bhishma and Drona speak, but Duryodhana replies not. They give up all hope of life.

L Sanjaya relates size of battle force.

LI Dhritarashtra forsees destruction of Kurus.

LII (ditto).

LIII Dhritarashtra says he wishes for peace.
LIV Sanjaya states that lamenting is useless.

LV Duryodhana keen to fight.

LVI Duryodhana asks re Pandavas. Sanjaya relates steeds.

LVII Description of how Pandavas shared out Kuru kings to be slain.

LVIII Dhritarashtra asks Duryodhana to make peace. Duryodhana refuses and is abandoned by

Dhritarashtra.

LIX Sanjaya relates Krishna's message.
LX Dhritarashtra begs again for peace.
LXI Duryodhana speaks out in pride.

LXII Karna speaks, is offended, lays down his weapons.

LXIII Vidura counsels.

LXIV Vidura - story of two birds in a net.

LXV Dhritarashtra pleads further. LXVI Sanjaya relates Arjunas last words.

LXVII Dhritarashtra enquires about Pandavas from Sanjaya. Council ended.

LXVIII Sanjaya talks of Krishna.

LXIX Dhritarashtra asvised in path of salvation. Vyasa present.

LXX Meanings of names of Krishna. LXXI Dhritarashtra seeks refuge in Krishna.

LXXII Yudhishthira asks Krishna for help. Krishna goes to Kurus.

LXXIII Krishna speaks expecting battle.
LXXIV Bhima asks Krishna to ask for peace.

LXXV Krishna insults Bhima, saying it uncharacteristic of him.

LXXVI Bhima replies angrily.

LXXVII Krishna replies on acts, destiny and exertion.

LXXVIII Arjuna asks for peace.

LXXIX Krishna says do not expect peace.

LXXX Nakula speaks.

LXXXI Sahadeva keen for battle. Satyaki keen to fight.

LXXXII Draupadi speaks, wanting war.
LXXXIII Krishna sets out for Kurus.
LXXXIV Omens along the way.

LXXXV Dhritarashtra set up pavilions on the way. Krishna passes them.

LXXXVI Arrangements made for Krishna's visit.

LXXXVII Vidura counsels Dhritarashtra in proper reception. No gifts.

LXXXVIII Duryodhana states that he will imprison Krishna. Bhishma leaves the assembly.

LXXXIX Krishna is welcomed in Hastinapura.

XC Krishna visits Kunti.

XCI Refuses food of Duryodhana. Dines only with Vidura.

XCII Vidura discusses Duryodhana with Krishna.
 XCIII Krishna explains his purpose in coming.
 XCIV Krishna comes to the assembly.
 XCV Krishna delivers message of peace.

XCVI Krishna relates story of Nara and Narayana, and explains it as he and Arjuna.

XCVII Kanwa relates story of Matali. XCVIII Matali and Narada go to Varuna.

XCIX Narada describes region. Matali cannot find a bridegroom there.

C Consider city of Daityas and Danavas. Leave there.

CI Region of birds descended from Garuda.
CII Rasatala, where the mother of cows dwells.
CIII Region of Nagas. Matali sees youth Sumukha.

CIV Sumukha and Gunakesi marry. Garuda to devour Sumukha.

CV Garuda humbled by Vishnu. Kanwa concludes recommending peace. Duryodhana laughs and

disregards him.

CVI Narada speaks on obstinacy. Story of Viswamitra and Galava.

CVII Galava laments of having to find 800 white steeds.

CVIII Garuda comes to Galava. Offers to take him to the quarters. East.

CIX Description of second quarter. South.
CX Description of third quarter. West.
CXI Description of fourth quarter. North.

CXII Garuda takes Galava towards the East at high speed.

CXIII Garuda loses and regains his wings by Sandili on peak of Rishabha.

CXIV Go to Yayati.

CXV Obtain a maiden Madhavi. Go to King Haryyaswa.

CXVI Obtain 200 steeds, Madhavi brings one son, and is a maiden again. Attributes of Lady's.

CXVII Same for Divodasa.

CXVIII Same for Usinara (of Bhojas).

CXIX Maiden accepted by Viswamitra as remaining 200 steeds. After delivering a son, maiden goes

home. Garuda leaves.

CXX Yayati gives Madhavi to the forest. He ascends to heaven, but then disregards the celestials.

CXXI Falls among Madhavi and her 4 sons.

CXXII Sent back to heaven by austerities of his grandsons.

CXXIII Narada concludes, on distress caused by obstinacy and vanity.

CXXIV Krishna requests peace directly from Duryodhana.

CXXV Bhishma, Drona and Vidura command Duryodhana to do as Krishna wishes.

CXXVI Plead with Duryodhana. CXXVII Duryodhana flatly refuses.

CXXVIII Krishna speaks, and Duryodhana leaves the court. Krishna recommends imprisoning Duryodhana

and his immediate counsellors.

CXXIX Gandhari rebukes Duryodhana.

CXXX Plot to imprison Krishna. Is known and Satyaki prepares. Duryodhana advised against it.

CXXXI Krishna gives Duryodhana sight of his full form. Makes arrangements for leaving.

CXXXII Pritha gives message to Krishna.
CXXXIII Kunti gives story of Vidula and her son.
CXXXIV Vidula rebukes son on duties of Kshatriya.

CXXXV Son talks to him mother.

CXXXVI Completion of story, son's despair removed.

CXXXVII Kunti finishes message to Krishna. Krishna leaves city.

CXXXVIII Advisors to Duryodhana tell of bad omens.
CXXXIX Bhishma and Drona address a silent Duryodhana.

CXL Krishna tells Karna of his real birth.

CXLI Karna speaks, rejecting Pandu brothers, adhering to duty, of his own death in the battle sacrifice.

CXLII Krishna instructs Karna of the day battle is to start.

CXLIII Karna's speech accepting Pandava victory.
CXLIV Vidura and Kunti speak. Kunti goes to Karna.

CXLV Kunti reveals to Karna his true birth.

CXLVI Karna states his position to fight Arjuna. Devoted to truth.

CXLVII Krishna relates Bhima's words to Duryodhana.

CXLVIII Drona, and Vidura speak (repeated by Krishna). Also Gandhari.

CXLIX Dhritarashtra's speech, with lineage and statement of Yudhishthira as rightful king.

CXLX Krishna rounds off. Duryodhana leaving for battle.

CLI Selection of Dhrishtadyumna as leader.

CLII Set out for battle.

CLIII On way. Tent description.
CLIV Duryodhana prepares for battle.

CLV Yudhishthira talks to Krishna on eve of battle.

CLVI Description of Duryodhana's army. CLVII Bhishma general of Kuru army.

CLVIII Prepare for first encounter with Bhishma. Visit from Rama and Vrishni race. Rama withdraws

from the fight.

CLIX King Rukmi with 3rd celestial bow also withdraws from battle.

CLX Sanjaya discourses with Dhritarashtra.

CLXI Duryodhana sends terrible speech to Pandavas.

CLXII Sanjaya addresses Yudhishthira and Arjuna with Duryodhana's words.

CLXIII Angrily replies from Pandavas and Yudhishthira.

CLXIV Messages back from Pandavas to Kurus.

CLXV Dhrishtadyumna matches marriors and arrays troops. CLXVI Bhishma explains Rathas and Atirathas to Duryodhana.

CLXVII (ditto).

CLXVIII Bhishma continues, on Aswatthaman and others. Merits as Maharatha or Ratha.

CLXIX Karna and Bhishma argue over who is best.
CLXX Bhishma speaks of greatness of Pandavas.
CLXXI Maharathas in Pandavas and ally kings.

CLXXII (ditto).

CLXXIII Bhishma finishes. Will not fight Sikhandin (formerly a woman).

CLXXIV Bhishma explains why he will not fight Sikhandin.

CLXXV Eldest daughter requested rules of Salwas (after Bhishma kidnapped them).

CLXXVI King of Salwas rejects Amva. CLXXVII Amva goes to ascetics.

CLXXVIII Hotravahana sends Amva to Rama.

CLXXIX Rama is told. Long discussion over best course of action. Amva wishes death of Bhishma.

CLXXX Rama sets out to Bhishma with Amva.

CLXXXI Rama and Bhishma disagree. Come to battle on Kurukshetra. Ganga tries to intervene.

CLXXXII Battle between Rama and Bhishma. Rama falls, Bhishma pitied.

CLXXXIII Fierce battle, both leaders wounded. CLXXXIV More combat. Celestial weapons used.

CLXXXV Battle continues for 23 days.

CLXXXVI Bhishma is told in a dream how to vanquish Rama. CLXXXVII Fight until Bhishma uses Praswapa weapon.

CLXXXVIII Gods forbid fight to continue. Rama forced to quit, Bhishma told that Arjuna will be his slayer.

CLXXXIX Princess practices austerities. Eventually turns into half a river.

CXC Rudra grants Amva a boon. She enters a fire with her body.

CXCI King Drupada's queen gives birth to a girl who becomes a boy.

CXCII Wedding of Sikhandin (a woman) to daughter of King Hiranyava

CXCII Wedding of Sikhandin (a woman) to daughter of King Hiranyavarman.
CXCIII Hiranyavarman challenges Drupada. Drupada takes council with his wife.
CXCIV Sikhandin enters forest where Yaksha Sthunakarna grants her a boon.

CXCV War appeased when Yaksha exchanges sex with Sikhandin. Yaksha cursed to keep sex until

death of Sikhandin. Bhishma completes saying will not fight Amva (Sikhandin).

CXCVI Bhishma, Kripa, Drona, Aswatthaman, Karna state times to destroy Pandava army.

CXCVII Arjuna states he has celestial weapon to annihilate all instantly.

CXCVIII Duryodhana's army sets out.
CXCIX Yudhishthira's army also sets out.

VOLUME VI - BHISHMA PARVA

I Armies arrayed. Battle rules.

II Dhritarashtra refuses sight of battle, so Vyasa gives Sanjaya celestial vision. Vyasa describes bad

omens.

III Vyasa discourses battle, omens, Time.

IV Sanjaya speaks on types of creatures (7 wild, 7 domestic, etc.). Why Earth so vital.

V 5 basic elements. Island called Sudarsana (mind). VI Description of the island (places in Indra region). VII Description of Northern and Eastern Kuru areas.

VIII Description ends with Him. Dhritarashtra yields to turn of Time.

IX Names of rivers, provinces, Kingdoms.

X 4 Yugas.

XI Further regions (probably Asia).

XII Summary of construction of Universe concluded. Urged to pacify Duryodhana.

(Bhagavat-Gita Parva follows)

XIII Sanjaya relates that Bhishma has been slain by Sikhandin.
 XIV Dhritarashtra laments long and asks Sanjaya how it happened.
 XV Sanjaya starts: Duryodhana looks to protection of Bhishma.

XVI Troops arise at sunrise ready for battle.

XVII Troops appearance. Only Karna not fighting. Way open for Kshatriya's heaven.

XVIII Noise set up.

XXV

XIX Pandayas troops arrayed. Take up positions. Disturbances in sky and on earth.

XX Panthas face east, Dhritarashtra's west.

XXI Yudhishthira concerned over larger force of Bhishma. Arjuna says righteousness will win.

XXII Bhishma observes Pandava troops.

XXIII Arjuna recites hymn to Durga and obtains boon on victory.

XXIV Dhritarashtra asks who dealt dirst blow. (Start of Bhagavad-Gita Chapter I)

The Despondency of Arjuna.

XXVI Sankhya Yoga - The Philosophy of Discrimination.

XXVII Karma Yoga - The Path of Action.
XXVIII Jnana Yoga - The Path of Wisdom.
XXIX Samnyasa Yoga - Renunciation of Action.

XXX Dhyana Yoga - Self Control.

XXXI Vijnana Yoga - Knowledge and Experience. XXXII Abhyasa Yoga - The Life Everlasting.

XXXIII Sovereign Wisdom and Secret.

XXXIV Divine Manifestations. XXXV The Universal Form.

XXXVI Bhakti Yoga - the Path of Love.

XXXVII Matter and Spirit.
XXXVIII The Three Gunas.
XXXIX The Supreme Spirit.

XL Spirituality and Materialism.

XLI The Threefold faith.

XLII Conclusion - The Spirit of Renunciation.

XLIII Yudhishthira pays tribute to Bhishma, Drona, Kripa, Salya. Karna joins Pandavas for time being.

(** Bold numbers indicate the days of the battle **)

XLIV (1) Battle begins amid terrible din.XLV Major kings head for each other.

XLVI Foot soldiers in combat.

XLVII Some fight between Arjuna's son and Bhishma. XLVIII After fierce battle, Bhishma kills Sweta.

XLIX Sankha and Arjuna fight Bhishma. Bhishma creates havoc. Night.

L Yudhishthira talks to Krishna of defeat. New day. Arjuna arrays battle as a large bird.

LI (2) Troops ready for battle.

LII Bhishma and Arjuna fight, equally mathched.

LIII Drona and Dhrishtadyumna battle.

LIV Bhima encounters Kalingas army. Briefly fights with Bhishma.

LV Afternoon. Arjuna rescues his son durrounded by Drona, Kripa, etc. Evening.

LVI (3) Next day fight begins.

LVII Pandavas strike carnage amongst Kauravas.

LVIII Pandavas routing army with Duryodhana, Kripa, Drona, Bhishma.

LIX Arjuna goes to battle Bhishma. Hesitates. Krishna jumps from car and rushes towards Bhishma.

Arjuna brings him back. Evening.

LX (4) Next day battle begins.

LXI Arjuna and son in battle. Prince of Panchala kills Samyamani's son.

LXII Bhima battles with mace, backed by Abhimanyu.

LXIII Bhima destroys elephant division and checks advance of whole army.

LXIV Bhima kills several sons on Dhritarashtra. Whilst swooned in battle, Ghatotkacha attacks with

energy. Bhishma orders retreat for the day. Pandavas victorious again.

LXV Dhritarashtra questions Sanjaya as to why Pandavas win. In answer, Sanjaya relates Bhishma's

answer to Duryodhana. Brahman praises the Divine Being - asks Krishna to be born to slay

Asuras.

LXVI Brahman tells of plan to slay Daityas and Rakshasas born amongst men. Bhishma tells

Duryodhana, and why fighting Krishna is useless.

LXVII Duryodhana asks who Krishna is.

LXVIII Bhishma again advises peace. Retire for night.

LXIX (5) Battle. Bhishma avoids Sikhandin.

LXX Bhima and Bhishma fight.

LXXI Battle.

LXXII Hero's fight against each other. Death of Satyaki's charioteer causes fear in Pandavas.

LXXIII Arjuna v Aswatthaman. Bhima v Duryodhana. Abhimanyu v Lakshmana, who is carried away.

LXXIV Ten sons of Satyaki slain by Bhurisravas. Night.

LXXV (6) New day. Pandavas battle formation Makara (Hawk).

LXXVI Dhritarashtra explains great preparations of army.

LXXVII Sanjaya censures Dhritarashtra for causing the battle. Bhima and Dhrishtadyumna reek havoc.

Drona appears.

LXXVIII Bhima v Duryodhana. LXXIX Afternoon battle.

LXXX Fierce battle at sunset. Dushkama slain.

LXXXI (7) Bhishma leads army, cheering Duryodhana, next day of battle.

LXXXII Battle. Hero v hero. Arjuna confounds foes with Aindra. LXXXIII Drona kills Sankha. Sikhandin fights Aswatthaman.

LXXXIV Iravat fights two Avanti princes. Ghatotkatcha flees from Bhagadatta. Sahadeva wounds and

drives Bhagadatta from field.

LXXXV Yudhishthira puts Srutayush to flight. Chekitan v Kripa. Abhimanyu refrains from fighting

Duryodhana's brothers.

LXXXVI Yudhishthira checks Sikhandin fleeing. Bhima attacks Chitrasena on foot.

LXXXVII Bhishma encounters Yudhishthira - avoids Sikhandin. Evening.

LXXXVIII (8) Next day - into battle.

LXXXIX Bhima kills a number of Dhritarashtra's sons.

XC Noon, battle raging.

XCI Iravat, son of Arjuna by daughter of Naga King, heroically fights slaying great warriors (sons of

Suvala) until he is himslef slain by Rakshasa Alumvusha.

XCII Ghatotkacha attacks Duryodhana. XCIII Duryodhana under pressure.

XCIV Ghatotkacha given aid. Fierce battle. Kauravas retreat slowly.

XCV Ghatotkacha route's army near sunset with an illusion.

XCVI Bhagadatta battles Pandavas.

XCVII Arjuna told of Iravat's death. Battle till sunset.

XCVIII Karna states if Bhishma withdraws from battle, he will certainly slay the Pandavas. Duryodhana

goes to Bhishma.

XCIX Bhishma vows to slay Somakas. Prepare for big battle.

C (9) Omens as both sides go to battle. CI Abhimanyu fights Rakshasa Alamvusha.

CII Abhimanyu routes Rakshasa. Drona and Arjuna combat.

CIII Arjuna battles Drona, using Celestial weapons. Bhima destroys an elephant troop.

CIV Bhishma fight Dhrishtadyumna and Sikhandin.

CV Fierce battle with all hero's. Drupada retreats from Drona.

CVI Salya, sent to protect Bhishma, is checked by Yudhishthira. Afternoon.

CVII Krishna tells Arjuna to fight Bhishma who is destroying Pandavas. Arjuna fights mildly and

Krishna runs at Bhishma. Arjuna retrieves him.

CVIII Night. Pandavas counsel Bhishma as to how they may kill him! He advises Arjuna and

Sikhandin. Arjuna grieved over this duty to slay the Grandsire.

CIX (10) Bhishma forms battle array of Asuras or Rakshasas. Arjuna and Sikhandin proceed against

Bhishma.

CX Bhishma vows to be slain, or slay the Pandavas.

CXI All rush towards Bhishma. Arjuna causes Dursasana to retreat.

CXII Fierce battle round Bhishma. Pandavas slowly closing.

CXIII Drona notes omens. Sends his son into battle.

CXIV Bhima battling hero's of Kauravas. Arjuna moves towards Bhishma.

CXV Arjuna battling Susarman and others. CXVI Bhishma gives up desire of life.

CXVII Both sides fighting - for sake of Arjuna or Bhishma.

CXVIII Dussasana fights valiantly for Bhishma. Arjuna rinally routes attacking kings (Kripa, Salya,

Vikarna, Dussasana, Vivingsati). Turns to Bhishma.

CXIX Bhishma kills Satanika (Virata's brother). Bhishma repeatedly hit.

CXX By Bhishma's choice (due to boon) he gave up life. Hit countless times he fell near sunset.

Rishi's, celestials, Ganga watches. Holds his life till sun reaches northern solstice (many months

hence).

CXXI Fighting ceases. Drona and rest of Pandavas/Kauravas go to Bhishma on a bed of arrows not

touching the ground. He asks for a pillow.

CXXII Arjuna makes pillow out of arrows. Bhishma lies of bed of arrows.

CXXIII (11) In morning all repair to the Grandsire. Arjuna get water for him by striking ground with

arrow. Bhishma advises Duryodhana to desist from fight. Duryodhana does not listen.

CXXIV Karna comes to Bhishma and obtains permission to fight.

VOLUME VII - DRONA PARVA

I Story continues, Janamejaya asks Vaisampayana, who relates Sanjaya and Dhritarashtra's

discussion. Karna is called for.

II Karna prepares his car.

III Talks to Bhishma.

IV Bhishma tells Karna to fight. Karna mounts car.

V Karna, asked by Duryodhana, recommends Drona as new leader.

VI Duryodhana asks Drona to be leader.

VII Drona accepts. States Prishata's son (Dhrishtadyumna) will kill him. Bad omens. Battle starts.

VIII Overview of Drona crushing most divisions, but was at last killed himself.

IX Dhritarashtra laments, asks how Drona was slain.

X Dhritarashtra swoons. Asks about battle.XI Dhritarashtra recites Krishna's victories.

XII Duryodhana asks Drona to capture Yudhishthira. Drona grants boon provided Partha not in

battle.

XIII Partha promises to protect Yudhishthira. Battle begins.

XIV Battle. Hero's fight. Abhimanyu excells.

XV Bhima and Salya battle with mace. Kritavarman rescues Salya.

XVI Battle begins started by Vrishasena (Karna's son). Pandavas have upper hand till Drona

approaches. He slays Kumara, Yugandhara, Singhasena, Vyaghradatta - approaches

Yudhishthira. Arjuna saves the day. Troops retire.

XVII (12) Duryodhana's troops plot. Arjuna drawn in battle away from Yudhishthira so Drona can

attack.

XVIII Arjuna fights Trigartas. Kills Sudhanwan.

XIX Arjuna slays thousands of Narayanas and Samsaptakas.

XX Drona attacks Yudhishthira. Dhrishtadyumna protecting King.

XXI Drona reeks havoc. Slays Satyajit and Vrika. Yudhishthira flees. Drona kills Satanika

(Matsya's), Chedis, Karushas, Kaikeyas, Panchalas, Srinjayas: Dridhasena, Kshema, Vasudeva,

Kshatradeva.

XXII Pandavas only one to stay, led by Bhima.

XXIII Rally to battle. Description of steeds. Duryodhana's brother Bhimaraths kills Salwa. Hero's

arrayed and resisting one another.

XXIV Bhima attacks elephant division. Bhagadatta on huge elephant destroying men: King of

Dasarnas, Ruchiparvan. Bhima borne off field by frightened steeds.

XXV Krishna turns Arjuna towards Bhagadatta. Arjuna wavers, goes back and wipes out Samsaptakas

with Brahma weapon. Returns for Bhagadatta.

XXVI Arjuna returns again against Trigartas, maiming Susarman. Bhagadatta attacks Arjuna. For fair

fight, Arjuna foregoes an opportunity to slay him.

XXVII Bhagadatta hurls Vaishnava weapon at Arjuna. Krishna receives it and neutralises it - explains to

Arjuna on account of former boon from Earth it was infallible. Arjuna slays elephant and

Bhagadatta.

XXVIII Arjuna slays Vrishaka and Achala. Sakuni uses illusions, but flees when counteracted by Arjuna.

Krishna re his four forms (practise of austerities, behold good and evil deeds, action, fourth

lies in sleep for 1000 years).

XXIX Fighting concentrates round Drona. Aswatthaman slays King Nila.

XXX Arjuna comes into battle. Faces Karna: kill Karna's 3 sons. Dhrishtadyumna kills

Charmavarman, Vrihatkshatra. Night approaches.

XXXI Arjuna drawn away. Sanjaya relates Abhimanyu was slain that day.

XXXII Praise of Abhimanyu. Dhritarashtra enquires as to him death.

XXXIII Yudhishthira asks Abhimanyu to penetrate circular array of Drona.

XXXIV Abhimanyu penetrates into circle.

XXXV Abhimanyu wound Karna, slays son of Asmaka, Sushena, Drighalochana, Kundavedhin, wounds

Salva.

XXXVI Kills Salya's younger brother. Kuru's start to turn.

XXXVII Duhsasana declares he will slay Abhimanyu. Battle begins.

XXXVIII Abhimanyu causes Duhsasana to faint and be carried off. Rest of Pandava army approach. Karna

struggling against Abhimanyu.

XXXIX Abhimanyu slays Karna's younger brother. Karna flees. Abhimanyu slaughters.

XL Rest of Pandava army come in. In consequence of boon, Jayadratha checks approaching

Pandavas.

XLI Jayadratha battles with 4 Pandavas.

XLII Abhimanyu slays Vasatiya. Continues slaughter.

XLIII Slays Rukmaratha (son of Salya). Uses Gandharva weapon. Duryodhana turns back.

XLIV Slays Lakshmana (son of Duryodhana), Kratha. Almost whole army routed. Krips, Drona,

Karna, Vrihadvala, Aswatthaman, Kritavarman, near.

XLV Battle rages. Abhimanyu takes Vrindaka, rules of Kosala (Vrihadvala).

XLVI Slays 6 of Karna's counsellors, rules of Magadhas, Aswaketu, Bhoja prince Martikavata.

Satrunjaya, Chandraketu, Mahamegha, Suvarchas, Suryobhasa. Kurus take counsel. On Drona's advice Abhimanyu's bow, steeds, car are cut. He takes up a sword on the ground, also broken.

XLVII With mace slays Kalikeya, but Buhsasan hits on head and kills him with mace.

XLVIII Evening. Jackals and Rakshasas to the corpses.

XLIX Yudhishthira grieves for Abhimanyu.

Vyasa comes. Yudhishthira asks about death. Recitation of King Akampana and advice from

Narada. Siva comes to Brahma who is destroying creatures.

LI Sthanu begs Brahma let creatures live. Fire subsides, but woman death is born - goes to South

quarter.

LII Death practices austerities. Boon from Brahma - she does not take creatures, they destroy

themselves. Story ends.

LIII Vyasa relates story of Switya, Narada and Parvata.

LIV (No text) LV (No text)

LVI King Suhotra related by Narada.

LVII King Paurava. LVIII King Sivi.

LIX King Rama (Dasaratha's son).

LX King Bhagiratha (Ganga and salvation of ancestors Kapila cursed).

LXI King Dilipa.

LXII Mandhatri (fed from fingers of Indra).

LXIII Yayati.
LXIV Amvarisha.
LXV Sasavindu.
LXVI Gaya.
LXVII Rantideva.
LXVIII Bharata.

LXIX Prithu (Milking of earth). LXX Rama (son of Jamadagni).

LXXI Narada has comforted Srinjaya. Then revives his son. Vyasa completes story to Yudhishthira.

LXXII Arjuna returns and laments.

LXXIII Arjuna swears to kill Jayadratha next day.

LXXIV Jayadratha seeks to leave, but is dissuaded by Duryodhana.

LXXV Krishna cautions Arjuna. LXXVI Arjuna reiterates promise.

LXXVII Restless night. Krishna comforts Subhadra.

LXXVIII Subhadra laments.

LXXIX Sleepless night. Krishna meditates on battle next day. LXXX In sleep Arjuna and Krishna go to Bhava for Pasupata.

LXXXI Arjuna receives weapon. LXXXII Yudhishthira rises.

LXXXIII Welcome Krishna. Discuss battle. Krishna predicts Jayadratha's death.

LXXXIV Arjuna makes ready for battle - auspicious omens around.

LXXXV Dhritarashtra reflects how situation developed, asks re battle next day.

LXXXVI Sanjaya explains to Dhritarashtra that *he* is to blame.

LXXXVII (13) Drona forms battle array. Duryodhana reassures Jayadratha.

LXXXVIII Arjuna advances and battles with Durmarshana division.

LXXXIX Duhsasana attacks, is routed. Duhsasana goes to Drona for protection.

XCFight with Drona. Arjuna moves forward as fight gets tough.XCISlays Srutayudha and Sudakshina, still avoiding Drona.

XCII Arjuna stupefied by a lance. Regaining senses, slays Srutayus and Achyutayus. Niyatayus and

Dirghayus. All the Mlecchas.

XCIII Duryodhana comes to Drona for advice. Drona goes again after Yudhishthira, gives Duryodhana

armour for fighting Arjuna.

XCIV Noon. Drona v Pandavas headed by Dhrishtadyumna.

XCV Battle.

XCVI Dhrishtadyumna briefly fights with Drona in Drona's chariot.

XCVII Satyaki and Drona fight. Satyaki checks Drona.

XCVIII Arjuna passing swiftly through enemy. Slays Vinda and Anuvinda. Horses rest, Arjuna checks

advancing enemy. Creates lake for drink.

XCIX Horses rested. Set off again for Jayadratha. C Closing on Jayadratha. Duryodhana approaches.

CI Duryodhana challenges Arjuna.

CII Arjuna recognises impenetrable armour. Aswatthaman cuts off his once-only penetrating arrows.

Finally destroys Duryodhana's car, steeds.

CIII Battle with six protectors of Jayadratha.

CIV Standards of both sides.

CV Drona battles with Yudhishthira, leaving him carless and retreating.

CVI Vrihatkshatra slays Kshemadhurti. Dhrishtaketu slays Viradhanwan. Sahadeva kills Niramitra,

vanquishes Durmukha.

CVII Bhima battles Rakshasa Alamvusha and routes him.
CVIII Ghatotkacha finally dashes Alamvusha to death.
CIX Yudhishthira sends Satyaki (Yuyudhana) to aid Arjuna.

CX Satyaki draws Yudhishthira's attention to his protection as ordered by Arjuna. Yudhishthira still

sends him off.

CXI Satyaki sets off towards Arjuna.

CXII Breaks through ranks of Drona and Kritavarman

CXIII Dhritarashtra laments. Battle with Kritavarman. Sikhandin swoons.

CXIV Satyaki turns back. Slays Jalasandha.

CXV Fierce battle, checking Duryodhana, maiming Kritavarman.

CXVI Checks Drona.

CXVII Slays Sudarsana on way to Arjuna.
CXVIII Slays thousands of Mlecchas on the way.

CXIX Battle against troops coming from behind. Reach Arjuna.

CXX Satyaki fights with Duhsasana and stone throwers.

CXXI Drona rebukes Duhsasana, sends him back to Satyaki. Drona kills Viraketu. Dhrishtadyumna

encounters Drona.

CXXII Satyaki beats, but slays not, Duhsasana (Bhima's vow).

CXXIII Pandavas comes into battle after Satyaki.

CXXIV Drona slays Vrihatkshatra, Dhrishtaketu (Chedi ruler), son of Dhrishtaketu, Kshatradharman

(Dhrishtadyumna's son), Chekitana stopped.

CXXV Yudhishthira sends Bhima after Arjuna and Satyaki. CXXVI Bhima sets off, slaying Duryodhana's brothers.

CXXVII Yudhishthira is relieved to hear shouts from Arjuna and Bhima.

CXXVIII Bhima briefly checked by Karna.

CXXIX Drona and Duryodhana decide to aid Jayadratha.
CXXX Very fierce battle between Bhima and Karna.

CXXXI Battle between Bhima and Karna continues. Neither winning.

CXXXII Karna almost vanquished. Durjaya slain. CXXXIII Durmukha slain. Karna finally flees.

CXXXIV Bhima slays Durmarshana, Duhsana, Durmada, Durdhara, Jaya. CXXXV Karna repeatedly beaten. More of Dhritarashtra's sons slain.

CXXXVI Seven more sons fall, including Chitrasena and Vikarna for whom Bhima grieves (31 sons of

Dhritarashtra now slain).

CXXXVII Karna and Bhima battle on.

CXXXVIII Karna rebukes Bhima close at hand. Bhima refrains from battle for Arjuna's vow. Karna flees

when Arjuna approaches.

CXXXIX Satyaki slays Alamvusha.

CXL Arjuna notes Satyaki approaching.

CXLI Satyaki about to be defeated by Bhurisravas.

CXLII Arjuna cuts off Bhurisravas' arm. Moral argument. Bhurisravas takes ascetic vow. Satyaki rises

and beheads him.

CXLIII Tales of descent how, at Devakis swayamvara, Somadatta gets boon that his son will strike down

Sini's descendant.

CXLIV Karna fights with Arjuna. Waiting for sunset.

CXLV Reach Jayadratha. Krishna falsely causes sun to set. Arjuna cuts off head of Jayadratha and send

it onto lap of father (Vriddhakshatra) whose head then cracked into 100 pieces.

CXLVI Arjuna routes Kripa and Aswatthaman, then grieves. Karna and Satyaki battle. Satyaki stronger.

CXLVII Arjuna rebukes Karna. Vows to slay Karna's son. Night. CXLVIII News brought to Yudhishthira. Praise Krishna. Joyful. CXLIX Duryodhana laments to Drona. Wishes to give up life.

CL Drona replies. Sets off to battle at night.

CLI Karna and Duryodhana talk. Karna says Drona blameless.

CLII Kurus winning. Duryodhana fighting fiercely.

CLIII Fierce battle in the night.

CLIV Drona slays sons of Dhrishtadyumna, Sivi. Bhima used fists to slay prince of Kalinga's, and

brother Dhruva, Jayarata, Durmada, Dushkarna.

CLV Somadatta battles Satyaki. Aswatthaman battles Ghatotkacha, slays his son Anjanaparvan.

Aswatthaman battles Ghatotkacha and Dhrishtadyumna. Bhima arrives. Drona's son slays Drupada's son Suratha, Sotrunjaya, Valanika, Jayanika, Jaya, Prishdhra, Chandrasena, 10 sons of

Kuntibhoja, Srutayus, Satrunjaya. Ghatotkacha also falls. Withdraw from Aswatthaman.

CLVI Bhima and Satyaki battle Somadatta. Slay Valhika, 10 sons of Dhritarashtra, Satachandra, 5

brothers of Sakuni. Drona and Yudhishthira battle.

CLVII Karna boasts, and argues with Kripa who rebukes him.

CLVIII Aswatthaman is restrained from attacking Karna. Karna and Arjuna battle, Karna driven to

Kripa's car. Aswatthaman restrains Duryodhana from fighting Arjuna.

CLIX Aswatthaman battling victoriously.

CLX Arjuna routes opposition.

CLXI Satyaki slays Somadatta. Krishna advises Yudhishthira against fighting Drona.

CLXII Troops light lamps on all cars. CLXIII Drona arrays ready for battle.

CLXIV Kritavarman vanquishes Yudhishthira.

CLXV Satyaki slays Bhuru (Sini's grandson). Ghatotkacha fights Aswatthaman. Bhima vanquishes

Durvodhana.

CLXVI Sahadeva beaten and scolded by Karna.

CLXVII Virata and ruler of Madras battle. Satanika is slain. Arjuna routes Alamvusha.

CLXVIII Nakula's son bits Chitrasena. Drupada maimed by Vrishasena (Karna's son). Duhsasana fights

Prativindhya.

CLXIX Nakula beats Sakuni. Kripa maims Sikhandin.

CLXX Headed by Dhrishtadyumna, assail Drona. Drumasena slain. Kurus surround Satyaki.

CLXXI Pandavas triumphing.

CLXXII Karna and Drona create havoc. Moment of silence in battle.

CLXXIII Ghatotkacha sent against raging Karna.

CLXXIV Alamvusha is sent by Duryodhana, but is slain by Ghatotkacha.
CLXXV Fierce battle. Ghatotkacha using illusion against Karna.
CLXXVI Rakshasa Alayudha, friend of Vaka, comes to slay Bhima.
CLXXVII Bhima struggles against Alayudha. Krishna organises troops.

CLXXVIII Ghatotkacha slays Alayudha. Duryodhana anxious.

CLXXIX Ghatotkacha slain by Karna's once-only dart, as Kuru army completely routed.

CLXXX Krishna rejoices. Explains to Arjuna that Karna may now be slain.

CLXXXI Krishna explains might of Jarasandha, Nishada (deprived of thumb, ruler of Chedis) and how

special means needed to slay them.

CLXXXII Sanjaya and Dhritarashtra discuss misuse of dart.

CLXXXIII Pandavas rebegin battle. Yudhishthira against Karna. Vyasa tells Yudhishthira he will be king in

5 days.

CLXXXIV Arjuna, at midnight, call troops back from fight. Sleep on fields. CLXXXV Drona and Aswatthaman have angry words with Karna, Sakuni.

CLXXXVI (15) Before dawn fighting begins. Arjuna v Duryodhana, Sakuni, Karna. Drona slays Virata,

Drupada, plus Chedis, Matsyas, Panchalas. Bhima leads Dhrishtadyumna against Drona.

CLXXXVII Tired armies. Nakula fights Duryodhana.

CLXXXVIII Arjuna and Drona battle equally. Bhima v Karna.

CLXXXIX (No text)

CXC Duryodhana fights with childhood friend Satyaki. Drona still grinding Panchalas.

CXCI An elephant called Aswattaman is killed. Drona told. Rishis begging Drona to stop, as he used

Brahma weapon indiscriminantly. Drona asks Yudhishthira re his son. Advised by Krishna

Yudhishthira lies. His car descends to earth. Drona becomes cheerless.

CXCII Drona's celestial weapons depart. Dhrishtadyumna fights fiercly with him

CXCIII hima tells Drona Aswatthaman is dead. Drona lays down weapons, enters Yoga. Slain by

Dhrishtadyumna and (seen by 5 only) ascends by stellar path, to Brahma region (85 years old).

CXCIV Kurus flee. Aswatthaman stays. Krips tells of Drona's deceitful death.

CXCV Praise of Aswatthaman, ordained to kill Dhrishtadyumna.

CXCVI Aswatthaman angry, invokes Narayana weapon.

CXCVII Arjuna angrily points deceit and lie out to Yudhishthira.

CXCVIII Bhima and son of Panchala king justify and argue case with Arjuna.

CXCIX Satyaki angry with Dhrishtadyumna. Dhrishtadyumna justifies. Satyaki restrained from fighting

Dhrishtadyumna. Back to battle.

CC Narayana weapon used by Aswatthaman. Krishna tells that it is baffled by drowing down

weapons. All do so except Bhima who receives it on his head.

CCI Bhima rescued. Weapon pacified (cannot be used twice). Aswatthaman vanquishes

Dhrishtadyumna; Satyaki comes to rescue. Slay Sudarsana. Battles with Bhima. Arjuna approaches, on whom Agneya weapon is counteracted by Brahma weapon. Aswatthaman runs from battle, into Vyasa who explains origin of Krishna, Arjuna and Aswatthaman. Night and

armies retire.

CCII Arjuna notices it is not he who is taking lives. Vyasa explains with names and feats of Siva (note:

one name is Sankara).

CCIII -

VOLUME VIII - KARNA PARVA

I Vaisampayana gives summary of Karna's death after 2 days.

II Sanjaya and Dhritarashtra, who is lamenting.

III Sanjaya explains how Karna was made Generalissimo, but finally slain.

IV Dhritarashtra swoons.

V Summary of Kuru deaths thus far.
VI Summary of Pandava deaths thus far.
VII Summary of Kuru's still alive.
VIII Dhritarashtra laments Karna's death.

IX (ditto)

X Karna installed as general by Duryodhana.

XI (16) Sunrise. Array for battle. XII Battle. Bhima slays Kshemadhurti.

XIII Satyaki slays Kaikaya princes Vinda and Anuvinda.XIV Srutakarman slays Chitrasena. Prativindhya slays Chitra.

XV Bhima v Aswatthaman. Evenly matched.

XVI Arjuna v Aswatthaman.

XVII Aswatthaman retreats to Karna's force. XVIII Arjuna slays Dandadhara and Danda.

XIX Arjuna slays Samsaptakas. XX Aswatthaman slays Pandya.

XXI Karna in battle.

XXII Nakula and Sahadeva slay Angas force.XXIII Sahadeva vanquishes Dussasana.XXIV Karna vanquishes Nakula. Abuses him.

XXV Hero's fighting.

XXVI Kripa routes Dhrishtadyumna. Kritavarman routes Sikhandin.

XXVII Arjuna slavs Satrunjaya, Susruta's son, Chandradeva, Satyasena, Chitravarman.

XXVIII Noon.

XXIX Yudhishthira vanquishes Duryodhana.

XXX Battle against Karna. Sunset. Troops withdraw.

XXXI Karna summarises Arjuna's superiority and inferiority as he prepares to battle with him.

XXXII Duryodhana, with difficulty, convinces Salya to be Karna's driver. XXXIII Duryodhana relates story of battle with Asuras and Daityas.

XXXIV Sankara destroys 3 cities of wicked Asuras. Grandsire (Brahma) drives the chariot. Next story of

how Rama (son of Jamadagni) got his weapons.

XXXV Praise Salya. He agrees to hold reins for Karna, but be allowed to talk as he likes (promise made

to Yudhishthira to demoralise Karna).

XXXVI Salys and Karna set off.

XXXVII Karna brags. Salys angers him with reply.

XXXVIII Karna bragging. XXXIX Salya provokes him.

XL Karna replies angrily, comparing him with conduct of Madraka woman.

XLI Salya tells story of crow and swan.

XLII Karna brags. Reveals curses on him from Rama, and a Brahmana which will cause wheel of car

to sink into earth.

XLIII Karna rebukes Salys harshly.

XLIV Karna speaks of Vahika people and their base behaviour.
 XLV Wordy battle goes on until Duryodhana intervenes.
 XLVI Two sides comes together. Salya addresses Karna.

XLVII Battle starts

XLVIII Karna slays Bhanudeva, Chitrasena, Senavindu, Tapana, Surasena. Bhima slays Bhanusena (son

of Karna). Karna and his sons in battle.

XLIX Yudhishthira maims Karna. Karna slays Chandradeva and Dandadhara. Karna cuts off

Yudhishthira's armour. Yudhishthira retreats, Karna touches and abuses him. Battle

recommences.

L Kurus routed. Bhima comes against Karna - Karna knocked senseless.

LI Bhima slays about 20 of Duryodhana's brothers. Fights Karna again, Bhima made carless.

LII Battle.

LIII Arjuna battles Samsaptakas.

LIV Sikhandin rescues from Kripa by Suketu, who is slain.

LV Yudhishthira rebukes Aswatthaman for battling as as Brahmana.

LVI Battle. Karna slays Jishnu, Jishnukarman, Devapi, Chitra, Chitrayudha, Hari, Sighaketu,

Rochamana, Salabha. Arjuna slays Samsaptakas, with Sudarkshina. Aswatthaman triumphs for a

while over Ariuna.

LVII Aswatthaman vows to slay Dhrishtadyumna. LVIII Arjuna surveys battle on way to Yudhishthira.

LIX Arjuna saves Dhrishtadyumna from Aswatthaman, when carless.

LX Krishna relates parts of battle to Arjuna. Bhima slays Nishada prince.

LXI Karna vanquishes Sikhandin. Dussasana v Dhrishtadyumna. Vrishasena v Nakula. Ulaka v

Sahadeva. Bhima vanquishes Duryodhana, slays army with celestial weapons.

LXII Yudhishthira retreats after fight with Karna.

LXIII Sahadeva and Nukula take Yudhishthira to his bed after Karna severely maimed him. Salys turns

Karna to save Duryodhana from Bhima.

LXIV After fierce encounter, Arjuna routes Aswatthaman. Karna battles with celestial weapons.

Arjuna goes to see Yudhishthira.

LXV Bhima left in charge of army. Arjuna comes to Yudhishthira. LXVI Yudhishthira asks how Arjuna vanquished Karna in battle.

LXVII Arjuna says he will go for Karna immediately.

LXVIII Yudhishthira replies angrily.

LXIX Arjuna makes to slay Yudhishthira. Krishna stops him and instructs him in morality. Story of

Valaka and Kausika. Krishna reaches suitable compromise for Arjuna.

LXX Arjuna slays Yudhishthira and himself with harsh words.

LXXI Resolved and forgiven.

LXXII Krishna cautions Arjuna re Karna's prowess.

LXXIII (17) Krishna summarises battle for Arjuna.

LXXIV Arjuna regains confidence. Vows to slay Karna.

LXXV Battle. Uttamaujas slays Karnas son Sushema.

LXXVI Arjuna joins Bhima in battle. LXXVII Bhima defeats Sakuni. LXXVIII Karna destroying Pandavas.

LXXIX Karna sends Krips and Kritavarman to weaken Arjuna.

LXXX Arjuna routes Kurus from Bhima. LXXXI Kurus routed, held by Karna.

LXXXII Karna slays Visoka, Ugrakarman. Sikhandin slays Prasena (Kama's son), then Kama, slays a son

of Dhrishtadyumna. Dussasana drops Bhima briefly.

LXXXIII Bhima slays Dussasana and quaffs his blood. Yudhamanyu slays Chitrasena (Karna's son).

LXXXIV Kuru hero's Nishangin, Kavachin, Pasin, Dundadhara, Dhunurgraha, Alolupa, Saha, Shanda,

Vatavega, Suvarchasas, fall. Nakula driven back by Vrishasena.

LXXXV Krips slays prince of Kulindas. Other Kulindas killed. Arjuna slays Vrishasena (Karna's son).

LXXXVI Krishna and Arjuna approach Karna.

LXXXVII All creatures take sides. Salya vows to slay Arjuna if Karna fails.

LXXXVIII Aswatthaman begs Duryodhana for peace.

LXXXIX Battle between Arjuna and Karna. Celestial weapons.

XC Arjuna v Karna. Snake Aswasena enters Karna's quiver, but Krishna causes car to sink to only

Arjuna's diadem is destroyed. Karna will not shoot snake twice. Arjuna kills snake. Kala tells Karna his end is near. Karna is wounded, but counters Arjuna's weapons. Karna's wheel sinks

into the earth, he begs Arjuna to stay while he frees it.

XCI Krishna rebukes him, Karna fights on. Wounds Arjuna. Arjuna slays Karna with Anjalika

weapon whilst trying to free wheel. Light goes from Karna to the sun. Evening.

XCII Kurus depressed.

XCIII Duryodhana tries to rally routed troops.

XCIV Salys describes scene, causes Duryodhana to retire for day. Arjuna and Krishna return to camp.

XCV Kuru leaders return to camp.

XCVI Yudhishthira told. Visits field of battle.

VOLUME IX - SALYA PARVA

I Summary of rest of battle. Death of most of troops. Dhritarashtra sad. II Dhritarashtra laments blaming destiny. Asks for story to be continued.

III Duryodhana rallies army - repeat of XCIII.
 IV Kripa tries to dissuade Duryodhana, wants peace.
 V Duryodhana still resolved to fight. Night.

VI Salva asked to be Generalissimo.

VII Salya agrees. Krishna asks Yudhishthira to slay Salya (Madras ruler).

VIII (18) Go to battle. Summary of remaining troops.

IX Battle.

X Salya attacks. Nakula slays Chitrasena, Satyasena, Sushena (Karna's sons).
 XI Fierce battle. Sahadeva kills Salya's son. Bhima attacks, kills Salya's driver.

XII Mace battle, Salya and Bhima. Both fall at same time. Kripa takes Salya away. Duryodhana

attacks, slays Chekitana. Yudhishthira slays Chandrasena and Drumasena (wheel protectors of

Salya).

XIII Salya holds Pandavas at bay.

XIV Arjuna v Aswatthaman, who kills Suratha.

XV Satyaki and Salya fight.

XVI Yudhishthira prepares to attack Salya. Bhima causes Duryodhana to faint.

XVII Salya steedless, carless, rushes against Yudhishthira who slays Salya with a dart. Earth seemed to

rise with affection to take Salya's body. Yudhishthira slays younger brother of Salya. Kuru's

routed.

XVIII Though forbidden by Duryodhana, Madrakas rush to avenge death of Salya. XIX Kurus retreating. Bhima slays 21,000 soldiers. Duryodhana rallies them.

XX Salwa and elephant prince is slain after forceful attack.

XXI Kritavarman rallies troops. Satyaki slays Kshemakirti, fights Kritavarman (son of Hridika).

Kritavarman vanquished. Duryodhana fights alone.

XXII Battle rages, troops of Duryodhana rally.

XXIII Sakuni attacks from behind. XXIV Arjuna goes into battle.

XXV Duryodhana retreats. Kurus being destroyed. Sanjaya taken by Satyaki.

XXVI Bhima slays (Duryodhana's brothers) Durmarshana, Srutanta, Jayatsena, Jaitra, Ravi, Bhurivala,

Durvimochana, Dushpradharsha, Sujata, Durvishaha, Srutarvan (after some fight).

XXVII Duryodhana and Sudarsa only two unslain. Arjuna slays Satyakarman, Satyeshu, Susarman.

Bhima slays Sudarsana.

XXVIII Sahadeva slays Ulaka - Sakuni recalls words of Vidura. Sahadeva slays Sakuni.

XXIX All Kurus slain, except Aswatthaman, Kripa, Kritavarman, Sanjaya who is released by Vaisa, and

Duryodhana who enters a lake. Ladies wail. Yuyutsu also goes to Hastinapura.

XXX Huntsmen reveal Duryodhana's whereabouts to Bhima.

XXXI Yudhishthira summons Duryodhana from lake.
XXXII Duryodhana rises from lake and prepares to fight.

XXXIII Krishna rebukes Yudhishthira's rash words to Duryodhana. Bhima makes ready to fight.

XXXIV Rama comes to watch (viz. Balarama, Krishna's brother).

XXXV Janamejaya asks re Valarama's pilgrimage to Saraswati and sacred fords. Daksha's curse of

phthisis on Soma (Waxing and waning of moon).

XXXVI Story of Trita in hole, as site Udapana.

Through Tirthas - Garga (astronomer) mentioned. Why Saraswati twists in one spot. Four types XXXVII

of ascetics living on corn.

Seven Saraswatis. Mankanka and vegetable juice flowing from his wound. Cautioned by Rudra. XXXVIII

Mahadara is struck on thigh by head of Rakshasa cut off by Rama (of Dasaratha). XXXIX

How Sindhudwipa, Devapi and Viswamitra acquired status of Brahman's. XL

XLI How Vaka almost destroyed Dhritarashtra's kingdom.

XLII Viswamitra and Vasishtha.

XLIII Cleansing of river when flowing blood for Rakshasas. Indra freed from sin of Brahmanicide.

XLIV Seed of Maheswara grows to strong son.

XLV All Gods come to Generalissimo ceremony. Gifts given to Kartikeya. Companions (all warriors)

given to Kartikeya.

XLVI Names of Mothers there (Kartikeya=Kumara=Skanda). Skanda battles and destroys Daityas. **XLVII** Installation of Varuna as Lord of Waters (in a former Kalpa). Agni and Bhrigu's curse.

XLVIII Sruvavati becomes spouse of Sakra.

XLIX Indra's Tirtha.

Jaigishavy and Devala.

LI Dadhicha gives up bones to Indra.a His son Saraswat teaches Brahman's for 12 years during time

of drought.

LII Daughter of Kuni-Ganga lives till old age before 1 night of marriage.

LIII Kuru tilling soil of Kurukshetra - those that die in battle, or by abstaining from food with senses

awake, go to heaven.

LIV At next Tirtha Narada appears and relates battle to Balarama. He immidiately goes to witness

Bhima and Duryodhana.

LV On Balarama's advice, they go to Samantapanchaka (on Kuru plain) for battle.

LVI Bhima reminds Duryodhana of his evil deeds.

LVII Battle. Bhima takes many blows, and is struck down.

LVIII Krishna notes that Bhima must fight unfairly to win. Finally breaks both of Duryodhana's

thinghs. (Quote from Byron - "The Corsair").

Bhima kicks Duryodhana in the head. Is reprimanded by Yudhishthira. LIX

LX Balarama angry. Curses Bhima, praises Duryodhana. Yudhishthira indifferent.

LXI As they leave Duryodhana censures Krishna.

Arjuna's car reduced to Ashes, being held intact only by power of Krishna. Take Kuru's camp. LXII

Pandavas and Satyaki leave camp for night.

Krishna goes to Hastinapura and pacifies Ghandari and Dhritarashtra. LXIII

King Duryodhana moans to Sanjaya. LXIV

Kripa, Aswatthaman, Kritavarman come to Duryodhana. Aswatthaman now installed as LXV

Generalissimo.

VOLUME X SAUPTIKA PARVA

I "Without doubt, O Sanjaya, my heart is made of adamant, since it breaks not into a thousand

fragments even after hearing ...". Kripa, Aswatthaman, Kritavarman in forest resting after sunset.

Aswatthaman sees owl attack sleeping crows, decides to attack Pandavas in camp.

Kripa advises going to Dhritarashtra and Vidura. II

Aswatthaman states his resolution. Ш Kripa promises to fight in morning. IV

Kripa against, but he and Kritavarman follow Aswatthaman when he goes. V At gates Aswatthaman encounter large being on whom his weapons are useless. VI

VII Aswatthaman offers his body to Siva. God explains Pandavas time is over. He enters

Aswatthaman's body. Fierce creatures follow.

VIII

Slays Dhrishtadyumna without a weapon. Uttamanjas, Yudhamanyu, Prativindya, Sutasoma, Satanika, Srutakarman, Srutakirti (5 sons of Draupadi), Sikhandin. Aswatthaman careers throughout camp, slaying all. Krips and Kritavarman stand at gate and take those who flee. Set

Three go to Duryodhana, relate their carnage. Duryodhana dies. IΧ Dhrishtadyumna's car driver relates carnage to Yudhishthira. X

Draupadi resolves to practice Praya until gem on Aswatthaman's head is brought to her. Bhima XI

and Nakula set off.

XII Krishna warns of danger from Aswatthaman. Once Aswatthaman begged discus from Krishna in

order to slay him.

XIII Reach Aswatthaman, who starts his powerful celestial weapon. XIV Arjuna shoots neutralising weapon. Vyasa and Narada appear.

XV Arjuna withdraws weapon. Aswatthaman cannot. Offers up his gem, throws weapon into wombs

of Pandava women.

XVI Parikshit, Arjuna's daughter-in-laws son, will die but be reborn and rule the kingdom.

Aswatthaman sentenced to 3000 years lonely wandering with pus and blood stench. Gem is

brought to Draupadi.

XVII Krishna explains Rudra, and how Aswatthaman was aided. XVIII Explains how Rudra was gratified by Aswatthaman.

VOLUME XI - STREE PARVA

I Sanjaya comforts Dhritarashtra.

II Vidura comforts Dhritarashtra, on grief and death.

III Vidura speaks on curing grief.

IV Vidura on birth, suffering and death of all creatures.

V Story of Bhramana on brink of pit, drinking honey on verge of death.

VI Explanation of similes from Vidura.

VII Vidura on ties of the world. Analogy of chariot.

VIII Vyasa explains battle was ordained by the gods. Grief of Dhritarashtra is finally appeased.

IX Sanjaya returns to Dhritarashtra - insite removed.
 X Dhritarashtra mounts car - ladies from house follow.
 XI Encounter 3 Kurus returning. Split and go their ways.

XII Meet with Pandavas. Dhritarashtra in rage crushes an iron statue of Bhima.

XIII Krishna scolds Dhritarashtra.

XIV Vyasa cautions Gandhari against cursing Pandavas.

XV Bhima questioned by Gandhari. Her wrath causes a sore on Yudhishthira's toe.

XVI Gandhari beholds battlefield with divine site. Ladies wailing.

XVII Sees Duryodhana and laments. XVIII Gandhari continues lamenting. XIX (ditto) seeing each son in turn.

XX Gandhari beholds Abhimanyu's wife weeping.

XXI Gandhari beholds Karna on ground.

XXII Gandhari.

XXIII Gandhari sees hero's, including Salya, Kripi with Drona.

XXIV Gandhari sees Bhurisravas, Sakuni.

XXV Gandhari finally curses Krishna, to sees his own kinsmen die, and to himself die in 36 years time

in wilderness.

XXVI One billion, 660 million and 20 thousand men died; 24,165 escaped. Burn the dead. XXVII All go to Ganges and perform water rite. Pandavas grieve for their brother Karna.

VOLUME XII - SHANTI PARVA

(Part I)

I Pandavas comes to Kuru city. Yudhishthira addresses Narada re Karna.

II Narada relates purpose of Karna's birth. How Karna obtained weapons, and was cursed for killing

a Brahmana's cow.

III Whilst Rama is sleeping on lap of Karna, worm bores into Karna's thigh. Worm is released from

curse: Asura Dansa from Krita age. Rama then knows Karna to be a Kshatriya as Brahmana

could not stand the pain. Karna cursed to lose Brahma weapon when he most needs it.

IV Duryodhana abducts a maiden from her swayamvara.

V Karna beats Jarasandha in single combat. Gave away ear-rings.
 VI Yudhishthira curses Kunti and women to keep no secret in future.
 VII Yudhishthira grieves to Arjuna. States he will go into the woods.

VIII Arjuna speaks of wealth.

IX Yudhishthira talks further of life of a mendicant.

X Arjuna discounts his words.

XI Tale of Sakra and rahmana's trying to live life of mendicant.

XII Nakula talks re domesticity as highest mode of life.

XIII Sahadeva speaks. XIV Draupadi speaks.

XV Arjuna speaks of upholding rod of chastisement. Four types of ways of punishing people

(censure/society, fear of next world, Yama's rod, Kings - remove possessions, property, hard

work).

XVI Bhima speaks re mental and physical health. Joy grief.
XVII Yudhishthira replies stating their attachment to wealth.
XVIII Arjuna relates story of Videha ruler scolded by Queen.
XIX Yudhishthira says Arjuna incapable of understanding.
XX Devasthana encourages Yudhishthira to sacrifice.

XXI Devasthana speaks. XXII Arjuna speaks.

XXIII Vyasa recites story of King Sudyumna, Sankha and Likhita, to Yudhishthira re rod of

chastisement.

XXIV Vyasa speaks further on duty of king, history of Hayagriva.

XXV Vyasa quotes Senajit on happiness and misery. They that are highly stupid and they that are

masters of their souls enjoy happiness here. They however, that occupy an intermediary place

suffer misery.

XXVI Yudhishthira speaks to Arjuna re wealth.

XXVII Yudhishthirs rails more grief. Vyasa speaks sternly back to him.
XXVIII Janaka questions Asma. Grief, life, companions like travellors in an inn.

XXIX Krishna relates to Yudhishthira story of Narada relating to Srinjaya death of many great kings.

XXX Narada falls in love, and curse from Parvata.

XXXI Narada relates story of Srinjaya's son killed, and restored to life.

XXXII Vayasa again speaks.

XXXIII Vyasa speaks of events as course of time.

XXXIV Vyasa on acts incurring sin. XXXV Vyasa on acts incurring sin.

XXXVI How to becomes cleansed of sin: men and women.

XXXVII Clean and unclean foods (Brahmana does not eat cow, milk). XXXVIII Yudhishthira advised to go to Bhishma. They set out.

XXXIX Brahmana's use sound Hun to slay Rakshasa Charvaka who wishes evil on Yudhishthira.

XL Krishna explains Charvaka's boon in Krita age.

XLI Yudhishthira is installed on the throne.

XLII Appoints duties to brothers. XLIII Gives away wealth for those slain.

XLIV Yudhishthira praises Krishna (Yugas Krita=Virtue and Knowledge, Treta=Renunciation and

Lordship, Dwapara=Prosperity and fame).

XLV Princes retire to respective palaces for night.

XLVI Yudhishthira comes to Krishna.

XLVII Krishna meditating on Bhishma who is thinking of him. Krishna and Yudhishthira make ready to

go to him.

XLVIII Bhishma adores Krishna. Krishna enters his soul.

XLIX Go to Kurukshetra plane. Yudhishthira asks re Rama slaying Kshatriyas.

L Rama's birth from Jamadagni. Destroying of Kshatriyas.

LI Krishna comes to Bhishma (56 days for Bhishma - his knowledge will go with him).

LII Krishna gives Bhishma boon to speak without pain, fatigue, etc. Night.

LIII Next day Yudhishthira comes to Bhishma. LIV Krishna asks Bhishma to discourse on morality.

LV Yudhishthira approaches Bhishma with permission to question.

LVI Bhishma starts discourse on kingly duties.

LVII More on kingly duties. Six things all should avoid.

LVIII More on kingly duties. End of day.

LIX Next day. Origin of Rajan, king, from science of chastisement handed down (and abridged) from

Brahman.

LX Duties of the four orders.

LXI Four modes of life (for Brahmanas).
LXII Yudhishthira asks of ordinary persons.

LXIII Bhishma describes duties of Sudra, Vaisya, and Kshatriya.

LXIV King Mandhatri asks Indra for sight of Vishnu.

LXV Discourse from Indra on Kshatriya duties - foremost of all castes.

LXVI Yudhishthira questions further on kingly duties.

LXVII Duties of a kingdom. First is crowning a king.

LXVIII Vrihaspati inspires Vasumanas, on how a king is a god.

LXIX Special duties of a king. Science of chastisement. Kings and 4 ages. LXX 36 virtues. Yudhishthira from that moment rules according to teaching.

LXXI Brief summary of how king should protect his subjects.

LXXII Priest appointed by a king: relationship of Brahmana to Kshatriya.

LXXIII Aila and Kasyapa on Kshatriya-Brahmana relationship.

LXXIV Kings Muchukunda and Vaisravana. LXXV Yudhishthira asks re acquisition of merit.

LXXVI Brahmanas not engaged in duty.

LXXVII Rakshasa tried to take King of Kaikeyas, who was fully observant of duties.

LXXVIII Breakdown of duties of the orders.

LXXIX Priests at sacrifices.

LXXX Four kinds of friends of a king.

LXXXI Narada and Krishna on winning hearts of friends and foes.

LXXXII King of Kosala, Kalakavrikshiya and the crow. LXXXIII Attendant of king, courtiers and consultations.

LXXXIV Agreeableness of speech.

LXXXV Behaviour of king - non-trustfulness.
LXXXVI City in which king shourl recide.
LXXXVII Consolidation of kingdom.

LXXXVIII How a king takes taxes from kingdom. LXXXIX Brahmana rights, superiority over others.

XC Mandhatri and Utathya on righteousness and duty of king.

XCI Utathya further on kingly duties.

XCII Vamadeva to King Vasumanas on kingly behavious.

XCIII (ditto) XCIV (ditto)

XCV Kshatriya duties in battle.

XCVI What a conquoring king should take.

XCVII Death in battle is meritous.
XCVIII Sacrifice of Kshatriyas in battle.
XCIX Janaka showed troops heaven and hell.

C Two kinds of wisdom, employed in arraying army.

CI Disposition of troops.

CII Omens of success. Conciliation with powerful foe.

CIII Vrihaspati to Indra on coping with mild and strong enemies.

CIV Kshemadarsin and Kalakavrikshiya on renunciation and happiness. Life in forest, or ...

CV ... how to regain kingdom by weakening enemy via treasury.

CVI United with Janaka.

CVII How disunion arises between King and Aristocracy.

CVIII Duties to Father, Mother, Preceptor.

CIX Truth and falsehood.
CX How men should act.
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CXXXII Renuka sent to question elephants upholding the world on religion and duty.

CXXXIII Maheswara on kindness to Kine.

CXXXIV Indra and Vishnu finish discussion on religion and duty. CXXXV Yudhishthira asks about the four orders accepting food.

CXXXVI How Brahmana's expiate their sins from improper taking of food.

CXXXVII Bhishma relates names of great householders attaining heaven through charity.

CXXXVIII Five types of gift (merit, profit, fear, free choice, pity).
CXXXIX Bhishma relates story of Krishna burning a mountain top.

CXL Uma questions her husband Mahadeva.

CXLI Replies to question on religion, duty, esp of householder.

CXLII Uma asks about duties of forest recluses.

CXLIII Four orders, and how they rise and fall between lives.

CXLIV Duties of men.

CXLV Uma asks further what acts lead to heaven, which to hell.

CXLVI Uma now asked to speak on the duty of women.

CXLVII Mahadeva recites glory of Krishna.

CXLVIII Completion of address Sankara and Uma, in worship of Krishna.

CXLIX Bhishma recites the 1000 names of Krishna. CL Bhishma explains the Savitri Mantras.

CLI Worship of Brahmanas.

CLII Rewards for worshipping Brahmanas. Story of Pavana and Arjuna (not the Pandava).

CLIII Arjuna counselled by the Wind god for not worshipping Brahmana's.

CLIV God of wind recites feats of great Brahmanas.

CLV Feats of Agastya and Vasishtha. CLVI Feats of Atri and Chyavana.

CLVII Arjuna acknowledges greatness of Brahmana's.

CLVIII Yudhishthira asks re Bhishma's fruit from worshipping Brahmana's. Bhishma is clouded - praises

Krishna and asks him to answer.

CLIX Krishna speaks on rishi Durvasa residing in his house. CLX Krishna relates who Durvasa is (god Mahadeva).

CLXI Krishna praises Mahadeva.

CLXII Yudhishthira asks about highest authority: scriptures or direct perception. Righteousness.

CLXIII Discourse on fortune, acts from past, attaining wealth.

CLXIV Course from righteousness and unrighteousness. Eternal reward. CLXV Recitation of names of Gods and Rishis, for destroying sins.

CLXVI Pandavas take leave of Bhishma.

CLXVII Return after period to Bhishma who has been on bed 58 nights. Bhishma asks his leave of

Krishna.

CLXVIII Bhishma dies. Ganga consoled. Bhishma was one of the Vasu's.

VOLUME XIV - ASWAMEDHA PARVA

I Yudhishthira falls in grief. Counselled by Dhritarashtra.

II Counselled by Krishna and Vyasa.
 III Vyasa scolds Yudhishthira.
 IV Vyasa talks about King Marutta.
 V Envy of Indra for Marutta.

VI Marutta refused by Vrihaspati to officiate as priest. Narada instructs Marutta to search out

Samvarta.

VII Samvarta agrees to perform sacrifice.
VIII Marutta obtains gold from Kuvera.

IX Indra send Agni, Vrihaspati, to Marutta, but Marutta refuses them.

X Completion of sacrifice, Indra gratified. Yudhishthira must obtain this gold.
 XI Krishna relates how Indra destroyed Vritra as he moved Earth-Ether, Sakra's body.

XII Krishna tells Yudhishthira to overcome the battle in his mind.

XIII Advice of power of Kama over mind.

XIV Yudhishthira consoled. Funeral rites performed.

XV Krishna asks leave to depart.

XVI Arjuna asks Krishna of the truth told to Arjuna during the battle. Krishna relates story of Kasyapa

meeting emancipated rishi from region of Grandsires.

XVII Kasyapa asks for explanation as to how Jiva obtains and leaves the body.

XVIII How Jiva enters a body, until final emancipation.

XIX Krishna finishes by relating emancipation and science of Yoga.

XX Spouse of Brahmana asks husband where she repair after death. Answer includes life breaths, 7

sorts of fuel (element, mind, understanding), 7 priests, etc.

XXI Creation of Word and Mind.

XXII 7 sacrificing priests (nose, eye, tongue, skin, ear, mind, understanding). Their independence.

XXIII None of the 5 life-breaths are superior to each other.

XXIV 5 life breaths.

XXV Brahmana continues on Chaturhotra sacrifice: food reduced.
XXVI Snakes, deities, Asuras, Rishi's instructed by Brahman.
XXVII Description of world as 7 hermitages, trees, fruits, etc.

XXVIII Yati and Adhawaryu on sacrifice of a goat.
XXIX Rama (Jamadagni's son) destroying Kshatriyas.

XXX Pitris advise him to perform penances - Yoga, slays the senses.

XXXI "Foes": exultation, satisfaction, joy (Goodness), cupidity, wrath, hatred (passion), lassitude,

procrastination, delusion (darkness). King Ambarisha conquors cupidity.

XXXII Janaka, unable to ascertain what belongs to him (no idea of meum).

XXXIII Brahmana to his wife (see XX).

XXXIV Krishna completes the story (Brahmana his mind, wife his understanding).

XXXV Arjuna asks Krishna to explain Brahma.

XXXVI Quality of Darkness, fall and rise of a man from darkness.

XXXVII Qualities of Passion. XXXVIII Qualities of Goodness.

XXXIX Discussion on the 3 qualities in all things.

XL Mahat - great soul. XLI Mahat as "I am all this".

XLII Rest of the elements, their objects and presiding deity's.

XLIII Duty, rulers over different forms.

XLIV Highest of plants, men, universe (Vishnu), etc.

XLV Analogy of life with a wheel.

XLVI Life of a recluse, leading to emancipation.

XLVII Analogy of tree, two birds.

XLVIII Difference between Purusha and nature.

XLIX Grandsire addressed by Brahmana's on hte conflicting duties.

Grandsire answers. Relation of Nature and Purusha. Qualities of elements.
 Analogy with chariot. Emancipation. Krishna finishes instructing Arjuna.

LII Krishna and Arjuna go to Yudhishthira and Dhritarashtra. Krishna then leaves for his home city.

LIII Krishna meets Utanka, who threatens to curse hime for causing death of Kauravas.

LIV Krishna explains who he is.

LV Utanka granted sight of Krishna. Boon of water granted to Utanka - error with hunter. Utanka

clouds.

LVI Austerities of Utanka. Sets off to get celestial ear-rings from King Saudasa.

LVII Meets Saudasa, and agrees to come back to be eaten after having obtained the ear-rings from his

wife.

LVIII Utanka obtains ear-rings, losing them temporarily to snake in Naga region. Presents them to

Gautama's wife.

LIX Krishna returns home.

LX Krishna summarises the story (Bhishma 10 days, Drona 5, Karna 2, Salya half, Sakuni).

LXI Death of Abhimanyu discussed.
LXII Pandavas also mourn for Abhimanyu.

LXIII Yudhishthira sends Pandavas for Marutta's buried wealth.

LXIV All set out and camp near mountains.

LXV Sacrifice, and dig up wealth.

LXVI Krishna returns, as Parikshit is born from Uttara dead.

LXVII Ladies ask for dead baby to be revived.

LXVIII Krishna comes to Draupadi.

LXIX Uttara laments. Krishna states the child will live.
LXX Gifts made to child. Pandavas return one month later.

LXXI Yudhishthira prepares to sacrifice.

LXXII Horse sacrifice begins. Arjuna to follow. Vyasa precides over ceremony.

LXXIII Arjuna follows horse. Battles with kings during this time.

LXXIV Arjuna fight Trigartas.

LXXV Arjuna encounters son of Bhagadatta.

LXXVI Fight for 3 days, subjugates (does not slay) son of Bhagadatta.

LXXVII Arjuna in trouble, but defeats the Saindhavas.

LXXVIII Arjuna waits, recollecting Yudhishthiras words not to slaughter indiscriminantly. Queen Dussala

finally intercpets with Arjuna's grandson, forces end to fight.

LXXIX Vabrwahana (a son of Arjuna) brings out gifts, but is forced to fight. Arjuna and son both fall in

swoon on earth.

LXXX Both restored to life.

LXXXI Arjuna's fall explained as expiation of sin for slaying Bhishma unrighteously.

LXXXII Son of Sahadeva gives battle and is beaten.

LXXXIII Arjuna goes through the South vanquishing many cities.

LXXXIV Defeats son of Sakuni (race of Gandharas) after a fierce battle.

LXXXV Preparations for sacrifice: sacrificial ground is prepared.

LXXXVI Arjuna fatigued. Numerous kings come to sacrifice.

LXXXVII Arjuna returns. Krishna attributes his constant misery to high cheek bones!

LXXXVIII Sacrifice proceeds, as advised by Vyasa. LXXXIX Wealth given away in abundance.

XC Mongoose appears at sacrifice with golden head and relates story of hungry Brahmana family

giving food to guest.

XCI Vaisampayana to Janamejaya on sacrifices.

XCII Explanation of mongoose as Anger, being freed from curse.

VOLUME XV - ASRAMAVASIKA PARVA

I Treatment of King Dhritarashtra. Only Bhima bears a grudge.

II (ditto)

III Bhima secretly keeps Dhritarashtra in grief for 15 years. Dhritarashtra talks to Yudhishthira re

going to forest.

IV Vyasa advises Dhritarashtra now in old age - to retire to woods.

V Dhritarashtra eats with Pandavas, then advises Yudishthira in rules of kingship.

VI Dhritarashtra instructs in war and peace.

VII (ditto)

VIII Yudhishthira gives permission to Dhritarashtra to retire. Wealth given to Brahamana's.

IX Dhritarashtra addresses the Brahmana's.

X Given leave by people, whom attribute great battle to destiny.
 XI Vidura asks Pandavas for wealth to perform Sraddha. Bhima objects.

XII Yudhishthira assures Vidura of all wealth.

XIII Vidura returns to Dhritarashtra.

XIV Gifts given away on behalf of dead sons, grandsons.

XV Ladies wail as Dhritarashtra departs.

XVI Kunti resolves to go to woods also. Pandavas try to dissuade her.

XVII Kunti speaks - resolved to go.

XVIII Dhritarashtra and band spend first night in forest.

XIX Dhritarashtra initiated by Vyasa into forest mode of life. Dwells with Satayupa.

XX Narada relates that Dhritarashtra has 3 years left, then he will attain to region of Kuvera.

XXI Pandavas plunged in grief.

XXII Pandavas set out in large train to visit Dhritarashtra.

XXIII Proceeds towards Dhritarashtra.

XXIV Pandavas greet Dhritarashtra, Kunti, Gandhari.

XXV Sanjaya points out Pandavas to Brahmana's in the retreat.

XXVI Vidura dies and enters Yudhishthira's body - also part of Dharma.

XXVII Next day Yudhishthira makes gifts to Brahmana's.

XXVIII Vyasa enquires of Dhritarashtra's well-being. Talks on Dharma.

XXIX Vyasa wishes to grant Dhritarashtra any boon. XXX Kunti talks of her guilt over birth of Karna.

XXXI Vyasa promises they will meet the dead, at night. Explains origin of: Dhritarashtra from

Gandharva king; Pandu, Bhima from Maruts; Yudhishthira from Dharma; Duryodhana from Kali; Sakuni from Dwapara; Dussasan and brothers plus Sikhandin were Rakshasa's; Arjuna is Nara; twins from Aswins; Surya Karna; Abhimanyu Soma; Dhrishtadyumna from fire; Drona

Vrihaspati; Aswatthaman Rudra; Bhishma Vasu.

XXXII Vyasa summons troops.

XXXIII All happily reconciled. At daybreak troops leave. Vyasa allows devoted ladies to join their

husbands.

XXXIV Janamejaya questions Vaisampayana on how it was possible for dead to reappear in their physical

bodies.

XXXV Vyasa shows Janamejaya his sire Parikshit, when requested. Janamejaya finishes his sacrifice.

XXXVI Pandavas return to Hastinapura.

XXXVII Two years later Narada comes to Yudhishthira and tells of death of Dhritarashtra, Kunti and

Gandhari in a forest fire.

XXXVIII Pandavas lament.

XXXIX Dhritarashtra actually burnt from his own sacrificial fire. Funeral rites performed.

VOLUME XVI - MAUSALA PARVA

I Thirty-six years after battle Yudhishthira notes bad omens. Hears that Vrishni's all slain by iron

bolt, except for Krishna and Rama. Due to Brahmana's curse.

II Evil omens noted by Krishna and Vrishni's.

III At celebration, argument breaks out and Satyaki slays Kritavarman. Satyaki and Krishna's son

slain by crowd, then Krishna slays all with Kusa grass converted into an iron rod.

IV Daruka sent to fetch Arjuna for protecting Yadu women. Vabhra slain by iron mallet of hunter.

Rama (Naga) leaves his body and is received back in sea. Krishna dies, struck in foot by Jara (a

hunter). He returns to his region.

V Arjuna comes to Dwaraka, and the 16,000 ladies of Krishna.

VI Vasudeva explains situation to Arjuna.

VII Vasudeva dies during the night. Arjuna sets out with ladies. As they leave Dwaraka is engulfed

by sea. Rama and Vasudeva cremated. Devaki, Bhadra, Rohini, Madira ascend Vasudeva's

funeral pyre. Robbers attack women under protection of Arjuna - Gandiva runs out of shafts,

celestial weapons do not come. Many women taken. Arjuna comes to Vyasa.

VIII Counciled by Vyasa that Pandava's time is near. Arjuna returns to Yudhishthira.

VOLUME XVII - MAHAPRASTHANIKA PARVA

I Pandava's, Draupadi and a dog leave for forest, with Parikshit on the throne, Kripa as preceptor,

Yuyutsu as minister. God of fire compels Arjuna to relinquish Gandiva and quivers. Ulupi

(Arjuna's wife) goes back to Naga regions.

II Draupadi drops down (due to her partiality for Arjuna), Sahadeva (thought himself wise), Nakula

(thought himself beautiful), Arjuna (did not vanquish all foes in one day, as he vowed), Bhima

(not attending to others while eating). Yudhishthira and dog left.

III Indra's car comes, but Yudhishthira refuses to ascend if it means abandoning the dog. Second test

of righteousness. Dog is Dharma. Yudhishthira ascends to heaven and enquires after his

brothers.

VOLUME XVIII - SWARGAROHANIKA PARVA

I Yudhishthira sees Duryodhana in heaven. Asks after his brothers.

II Yudhishthira is taken to hell where his brothers are in pain.

III Yudhishthira passes third test. Good people first go through hell, bad people first through heaven.

All an illusion. He bathes in celestial Ganga and leaves behind all human grief.

IV Introduced to Pandavas, etc, in their celestial forms.

V Sauti explains to Janamejaya how each person became reabsorbed (eg Bhishma was Vasu Dau).

Astika rescues snakes. Janamejaya finishes sacrifice.

Vyasa composed 60 lakhs of Mahabharata: 30 held by dieties (Narada), 15 by Pitris (Asita-

Devala), 14 Yakshas (Suka), 1 by man, recited by Vaisampayana.

VI Vaisampayana finishes by explaining to Janamejaya how a person should hear the story, qualities

of reciter, what should be given away at each Parva.

REFERENCE LIST OF CHARACTERS

Amba eldest Princess of Banaras
Ambalika youngest Princess of Banaras
Ambika third of the 3 Princesses of Banaras
Arjuna Indra's son, one of the 5 Pandavas
Astika son of a Naga woman and a hermit

Balarama Krishna's brother Bharata legendary Lunar King

Bhima son of the Wind God, one of the 5 Pandavas

Bhishma King Santanu's son

Chitraratha King of the Gandharvas (heavenly musicians)

Devi Shiva's wife

Dharma God of Justice, Yudhishthira's Father Dhrishtadyumna Drupada's son, born of the fire Dhritarashtra Blind king of the Bharatas

Draupadi Drupada's fire-born daughter, wife to the 5 Pandavas

Drona preceptor at arms to the Kurus

Drupada King of Panchala

Duhsala Dhritarashtra's only daughter
Duhsasana Dhritarashtra's second-born son
Duryodhana Dhritarashtra's first-born son

Gandhari Dhritarashtra's queen

Ganga Goddess of the River Ganges
Hanuman monkey-chief hero of the Ramayana
Indra Lord of Heaven (Sakra - sacker of cities)
Janamejaya Bharata king ruling when this story is related

Jayadratha King of Sindh

Kali God of Misfortune, Goddess of Evil

Kama God of Love

Karna Kunti's first child, by the Sun Kripa preceptor at archery for the Kurus

Kripi Kripa's twin sister

Krishna clan chief of the Yadavas, and the incarnation of the Lord Vishnu

Kritavarman kinsman to Krishna

Kunti Pandu's first wife, Mother of the Yudhishthira, Bhima, Arjuna and Karna

Kuru legendary Bharata king who gave his name to the people and the battlefield Kurukshetra

Lakshmi Goddess of good fortune and wealth, heavenly consort of Narayana (Vishnu)

Madri Pandu's second wife, Mother of Nakula and Sahadeva; sister of Salya

Maya an Asura

Nakula one of the 5 Pandavas, twin of Sahadeva

Nara the first man, the Spirit of Man

Narayana Lord Vishnu, preserver of the Universe Pandu younger brother of Dhritarashtra Parikshit Arjuna's son, Janamejaya's Father

Pratipa Bhishma's Grandfather

Sahadeva one of the Pandavas, twin of Nakula Sakuni Gandhari's brother, uncle of Duryodhana

Salwa western king, chosen by Amba Salya King of the Madra people Sanjaya Dhritarashtra's charioteer

Santanu Pratipa's son, Ganga's husband and Father to Bhishma

Satyaki kinsman to Krishna Satyavati Vyasa's Mother

Saunaka listener to the story in the forest sauti teller of the story in the forest

Sesha Narayana's serpent

Shiva Great God, destroyer of the Universe

Sikhandin Drupada's son, originally born a woman (Amba in former life)

Subhadra Krishna's sister Surya Sun God

Susarman King of the Three Castles, an ally of Duryodhana Suyodhana another name for Duryodhana ("Good Fighter")

Takshaka serpent who killed Parikshit

Ugrasena Yadava King Urvasi An Apsara Uttara Virata's son

Uttarah Virata's daughter, Mother of Parikshit Vaisampayana who told the story to Janamejaya

Vaishravana God of Wealth

Vayu God of the Wind, Bhima's Father

Vidura Pandu's younger brother Virata King of Matsya

Vyasa the divine poet who composed the Mahabharata

Yama God of the Dead

Yudhishthira eldest Pandava, Dharma's son Yuyutsu Dhritarashtra's son by a palace girl