**Themes of the Aeneid**

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| *The origins of Rome and its rise to power through their ancestors, culminating in the Augustan Age.*  Augustus of Primaporta  *.* | Cartoon Bee Hive Images - Free Download on Freepik*The art of farming and poetry extolling the beauty of the countryside.* |
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| *The loss felt during war time by loved ones of the fallen, influenced by Virgil’s experience of the civil wars.*  Dying Gaul Is a World Masterpiece About Death | Marble terminal bust of Homer. Roman copy of a lost Hellenistic original of the 2nd c. BC.*The world of myth told through the genre of epic and typified by the writing of Homer.* |