

Atlantis

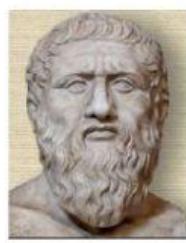
Does the ancient civilisation of Atlantis really lie undiscovered beneath the sea?

The Legend

The story of Atlantis was written about 2,500 years ago by the Greek philosopher Plato. Its legend has consequently grown, fuelled by the countless books, films, articles, websites and now a TV series. What gives it considerable contemporary interest is the continuous intellectual debate on its existence today. Archaeologists, historians and geologists still contest the various literary, historical and geographical elements of Plato's story to prove whether the ancient civilisation really did exist.

1. Who was Plato ?
2. There are a lot of books about the legend
3. Quote the documents dealing with the legend of Atlantis

4. Write the words : a volcanic eruption / Plato / floods / an earthquake / a goddess / greedy / corrupt / a god



What do we know?

The story consists of a supposedly true account of an ideal society that existed 9,000 years before the classical Greek times in which Plato was writing. Atlantis was a huge island bigger than Asia and Libya put together. The Atlanteans were directly descended from Poseidon, the god of the sea and earthquakes. Its divine lineage of rulers, the descendants of the great god, gradually became corrupt by mixing with mortal humans. They became involved in wars, and this led to its catastrophic destruction by earthquakes and floods in a single day as a means of punishment from the displeased gods.

What sort of society was Atlantis supposed to be?

Atlantis

The inhabitants are called the

They descended from

Poseidon is the god of _____ and _____

But there was a problem when the people of Atlantis started to mix with

They became



Atlantis was punished by _____ and destroyed by _____



and _____ on a single

