

EXERCISE 4 OPINION/BELIEF PASSIVES + THAT CLAUSE

GRAMMAR NOTE 4 Rewrite each sentence with *it + be + past participle + that clause*.

Change the verb in the *that* clause as necessary.

1. For centuries before Copernicus, the earth was thought to be the center of the universe.

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2. Flying saucers are claimed by many people to actually exist.

3. The yeti is said by some to inhabit the Himalayas.

4. At the time of Plato, Atlantis was thought to have been hit by a series of earthquakes.

5. Atlantis was believed to have sunk into the ocean without a trace.

6. At one time in history, the earth was assumed to be flat.

7. The Greek poet Homer is believed by some to have been a composite of several people.

EXERCISE 5 OPINION/BELIEF PASSIVE CONSTRUCTIONS

GRAMMAR NOTES 2–4 Answer each question about your country with the verb in parentheses. Use a passive construction in each sentence.

1. Who is one of the most famous mythical characters in your country's past? (regard)

The Yellow Dragon is regarded as one of the most famous mythical creatures in China.

2. What strange event do people say happened in the distant past in your country? (allege)

3. What well-known creature do people think lives in your country today? (say)

4. What do people think is the most beloved or popular legend in your culture? (feel)

5. Who do people think was the founder of your nation? (assume)

6. Who do people think is the greatest leader in your country's history? (consider)

7. Who do people believe is the best writer or artist in your country's history? (believe)

8. Who do people think was the most famous criminal in your country's history? (claim)