

The Phoenix

The Phoenix was a legendary bird that was born from fire. It had red and gold feathers and sang with a beautiful voice. The Phoenix appeared in the mythology of Egypt, Greece, and Rome. For many ancient peoples, this bird represented death and rebirth.

Ancient people believed that only one Phoenix lived at a time. One story said that after about 500 years, the Phoenix built a nest of wood and spices. It set the nest on fire and was burned by the flames. From the ashes, a new Phoenix was born. Another story told that the dying Phoenix flew to the temple of the Egyptian sun god, Ra. There, it was consumed by fire on the altar.

The Phoenix also appeared in modern stories. In J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* books, a Phoenix called Fawkes cried tears that had healing powers.



Choose the Correct Answer

1. The Phoenix was born from...
a) water b) fire c) ice
2. The Phoenix had feathers that were...
a) blue and green b) red and gold c) white and silver
3. Ancient people believed that...
a) many phoenixes lived at the same time
b) only one phoenix lived at a time
c) phoenixes were small birds
4. After it died, a new phoenix...
a) never came back
b) was born from ashes
c) lived in the sea



True or False

1. The Phoenix appeared in Egyptian, Greek, and Roman stories.
2. The Phoenix lived only 50 years.
3. It burned in a nest made of wood and spices.
4. People saw it in Harry Potter stories.
5. Fawkes had magic tears that healed people.

Put the Words in Order

1. fire / was / from / born / the / Phoenix
2. had / red / the / feathers / gold / and / Phoenix
3. a / built / the / nest / Phoenix
4. burned / it / the / in / flames / was
5. the / Phoenix / from / born / ashes / was / the
6. flew / Re / temple / the / to / it / god's

7. Phoenix / in / stories / Harry Potter / appeared / the

Match each word with its meaning.

A

- 1. Phoenix**
- 2. ashes**
- 3. flames**
- 4. rebirth**
- 5. Fawkes**

B

- a A famous magical bird from modern stories.**
- b. The bird was destroyed by this**
- c. What remains after something burns**
- d. The act of coming to life again**
- e. A magical bird from ancient myths**