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ATLANTIS

While scholars almost universally have considered the story of Atlantis little more than a fine _____ **(1)** , does the fact alone preclude it _____ **(2)** being true? Though the story is written as an imaginary dialogue, it contains a _____ **(3)** of detail that seems out of place in a piece of pure fiction. Additionally, Plato himself implies that the story was true and takes great _____ **(4)** to explain how the story came to him through various intermediaries. Why employ such an elaborate _____ **(5)** if it was intended purely as a fable? Unless we are prepared to accept that Plato lied, which would seem _____ **(6)** with history's view of him as one of the most ethical men of the ancient world, it seems presumptuous to simply dismiss it as a work of fiction and leave it _____ **(7)** that. On the other hand, there is no especially compelling reason to assume Plato could not have been duped himself, as so erroneously portrayed a purely _____ **(8)** story as fact; after all, anyone – even the greatest individual of all time, or so one would imagine – is capable of being deceived.

1	yell	yard	yolk	yarn
2	at	from	for	by
3	wealth	treasure	riches	source
4	pride	care	pains	delight
5	ruse	braid	totem	rite
6	contrary	erratic	variable	inconsistent
7	at	like	as	with
8	fictional	fractious	fictitious	fricative