

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.

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| 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 |