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Atlantis

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The story of Atlantis is a **famous** myth. Atlantis is **believed** by many to be an ancient island that sank into the ocean. It was **supposedly** home to an advanced civilization that had **conquered** many nations. The island **collapsed** into the sea, apparently disappearing during an earthquake.

The possibility that Atlantis was real has been **discussed** throughout history. This idea has **usually** been rejected because there is not enough **evidence** that it existed.

Plato, a Greek writer, made the **earliest** recorded reference to Atlantis about 2,500 years ago. According to Plato's version of the myth, the Greek gods **divided** the planet between **themselves** . Poseidon, the god of the sea, received the island of Atlantis as his share.

Poseidon shared Atlantis amongst his children. The eldest son, Atlas, was given the mountain where he was born and the neighbouring area as his kingdom.

Atlas was eventually made king of the entire island and the surrounding ocean, which was called the Atlantic Ocean in his honour.

Atlas made his birthplace into a city and enclosed it with three circular moats of increasing width which were separated by rings of land. The inhabitants of Atlantis then built bridges over the moats.

There have been dozens of locations proposed for Atlantis, most of them in or near the Mediterranean Sea. The legend of Atlantis is featured in many books, films, television series and other creative works.

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