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The Lost Continent

PREVIEW WORDS**legend****ideal****greedy****experts****conquer****remains**

Seven continents can be found on the earth. But since ancient times, people have told the legend of Atlantis, the lost eighth continent.

Atlantis was thought to be an island in the ocean about 11,000 years ago. Most of its people were happy farmers and fishermen. The kingdom was strong and rich. It was the ideal place to live.

For some reason, things changed. The people became greedy and caused wars. They tried, but failed, to conquer other lands. As punishment, Atlantis was swallowed up by the sea in a day and a night.

It is possible that there was once a land like Atlantis. Nature makes many lands rise from the ocean and others sink. The earth keeps changing in big and small ways.

In 1967, a group of experts was studying the sea near Greece. They found the remains of a place like Atlantis. A volcano had destroyed it 3,000 years ago. Perhaps the idea for Atlantis grew from this buried city.

Many stories and books have been written about Atlantis. The best known book is called *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, by Jules Verne.

Fill in the circle next to the best answer.

1. The remains of a place like Atlantis were found near what country?

- Ⓐ Italy
- Ⓑ Egypt
- Ⓒ Greece

Name _____

The Lost Continent

2. Write a question about the story for another student to answer. _____

Finding Facts/Reading for Details

3. What was Atlantis supposed to be? _____

4. Who wrote a famous book about Atlantis, and what was the book called?

5. According to the legend, what happened to Atlantis?

Cause and Effect

6. What caused the people of Atlantis to be punished?

Classifying Information

7. What group do these belong to?

Asia, Europe, Africa: _____

Greece, Turkey, Saudi Arabia: _____

Evaluating Information

8. Do you think Atlantis was a real place? *Why or why not?* _____

WORDS**Atlantis****fishermen****remains****buried****island****swallowed****changing****legend****volcano****continents****nature****written**

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. _____ makes many lands rise from the ocean and others sink.
2. Seven _____ can be found on the earth.
3. The earth keeps _____ in big and small ways.
4. _____ may be the lost eighth continent.
5. Atlantis was _____ up by the sea.
6. A place like Atlantis was destroyed by a _____ 3,000 years ago.
7. The people of Atlantis were farmers and _____ .
8. Atlantis was thought to be an _____ in the ocean 11,000 years ago.
9. Many stories have been _____ about Atlantis.
10. Searchers found the _____ of a place like Atlantis.
11. The idea for Atlantis may have come from the _____ city found in the sea near Greece.
12. Since ancient times, people have told the _____ of Atlantis.