

1. Read the poem below about the legend of the Kraken.
2. Using different highlighters, pull out words and phrases which show the following:
 - a. what the creature looks like.
 - b. where you might find it.
3. Challenge: annotate the parts you have highlighted to explain why the Kraken is a such a well-known legend of the sea.

The legend of the Kraken



*Oh, gather 'round, ye sailors bold, a tale often told, beware, From
Scandinavia's icy shores, a beast beyond compare, A cephalopod of
mighty size, and tentacles so grand, Could drag a ship to ocean's depths
and never reach the land.*

*In Japan, they call it Akkorokamui, in New Zealand Te Wheke-a-
Mukurangi. The Caribbean is where the Lusca lurks, in oceans dark and
deep, the ancient Greeks wrote of teuthos, where giant squids do creep.*

*These creatures of the deep, me hearties, have haunted minds for years,
Inspiring countless myths and tales, passed down from ear to ear.*

*The Kraken, oh that fearsome beast, beneath the waves does hide, A
symbol of the unknown deep, where mysteries abide.*

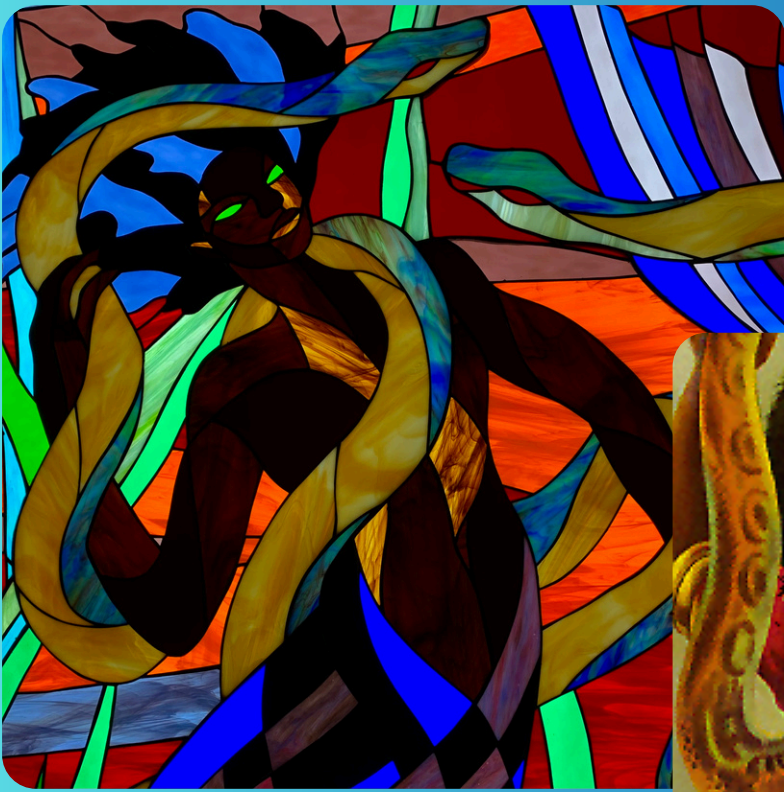
*For though these tales seem fantastical, with monsters all around, They
mirror fears of sailors brave, on uncharted waters found, Giant squids,
they do exist, in ocean's depths they grow, But they're not the ship-
destroying fiends from legends that we know.*

*In modern times, the Kraken lives in stories old and new, from pirate
films to video games, it rises from the blue.*

*Its presence strong in human lore, a fascination grand, With ocean's
depths and creatures vast, in every sea and land.*

*So whether Kraken warns of seas and dangers that they hold, Or
celebrates the mighty beasts within the oceans cold, It stands a figure
powerful, in maritime lore's weave, A legend of the sailors' hearts, as long
as they believe.*





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WATER DEITY OF RIVERS, LAKES AND SEAS

MAMI WATA

West Africa and African Caribbean

She is thought to bring fertility, beauty and success to women.

She is often imaged with a human upper body and a tail for her lower body - similar to a mermaid.

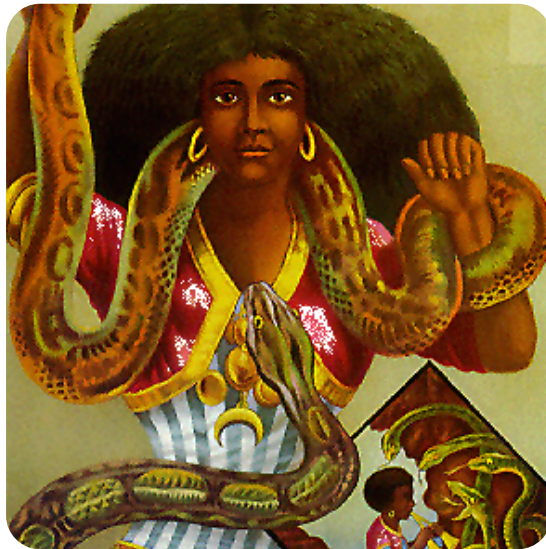
She is usually worshiped as well as feared.

She can shape shift into many forms. Her favourite is a beautiful female but also a snake

She can sometimes be seen with a comb (for beauty) and a mirror (for vanity).

MAMI WATA

Annotate the image below of Mami Wata with the information from the poster.



Click [here](#) to listen to the story about Longwang and answer the questions below.

Longwang

About Longwang: Match the letters to the questions to get the correct answer.

- 1 Where does Longwang live?
- 2 What is his usual colour as a dragon?
- 3 What does he like to eat?
- 4 What is his daughter's name?
- 5 What does the name 'Longwang' mean?

ANSWERS:

a. Dragon King

b. under the sea

c. Sagara

e. gemstones

d. Red

Match the letter for the different sea to the correct brother of Longwang.

- 1 Ao Gung
- 2 Ao Qin
- 3 Ao Rùn
- 4 Ao Shun

KEY WORDS:

a. West Sea

b. North Sea

c. South Sea

d. East Sea

Write TRUE (T) or FALSE (F) next to each one of the statements below.

- 1 Longwang is 'lord of the waters and god of the dragons'.
- 2 He is only seen in dragon form.
- 3 Longwang brings droughts to coastal communities.
- 4 Longwang is born on the thirteenth day of the sixth moon of the Lunar Year.
- 5 He commands an army of sea creatures.

Finish the sentences by filling in the gaps with the missing words.

The famous _____ in China were inspired by Longwang and take on his _____.

Many _____ still have _____ for Longwang.

He receives his commands directly from the _____.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Dragon

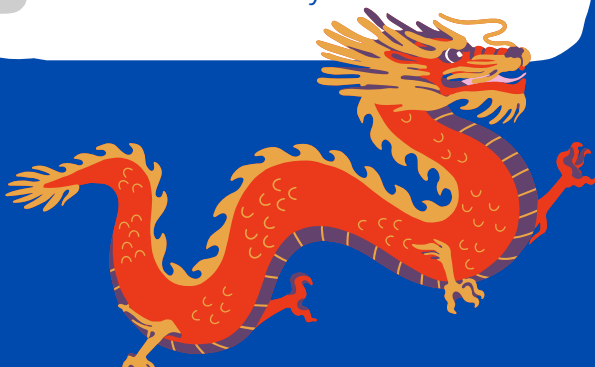
Temples

Boats

coastal communities

Jade Emperor

likeness



ATLANTIS



The lost city of Atlantis has long been a legend especially within western folklore. There are many different stories behind Atlantis but it was largely thought to be an empire that ruled the known world (at this time, that would have been most of southern Europe and north Africa) and disappeared under the sea.

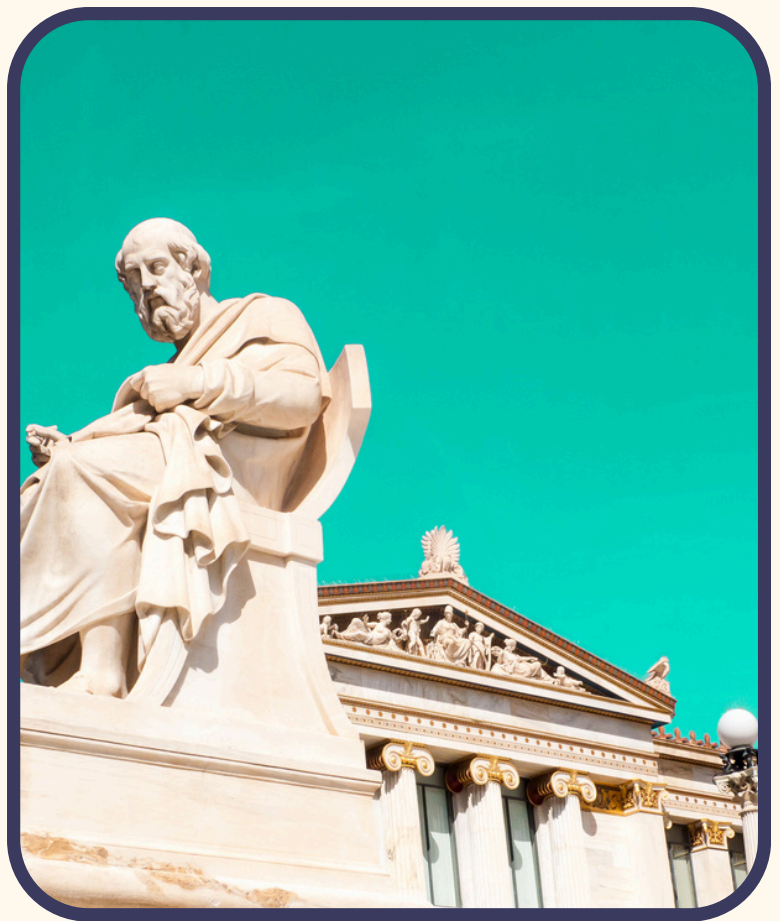
BEGINNINGS

Atlantis came into being in two dialogues written by the Greek philosopher Plato called 'Timaeus and Critias' in 360 BCE. The dialogues told of a place which had become too powerful through wealth and military strength. The opposite to how Plato would have felt about Athens at the time which was the home of philosophy, the arts and learning. The fables were told as a way to show the destruction of civilisations.

WHERE WAS ATLANTIS?

There are a few places which have thought to have been the site of Atlantis. The original text speaks of a continent beyond the 'Pillars of Hercules' (straights of Gibraltar) in the Atlantic Ocean.

PLATO



Statue of Plato at the Academy of Athens © Red Garland Flickr

MODERN FINDINGS


When Columbus brought news of America to Europe over 1,800 years after Plato's dialogues, it reignited the idea that Atlantis may have been there. The Greek Island of Santorini which was partially destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 1600 BCE has also been a source of theory regarding the location of Atlantis. More recently, in 2018 a team announced they had found Atlantis in Spain which turned out to be experimental ponds creates in 2004.

The Bermuda Triangle

1. Click on the link to the [History Channel's](#) piece on the Bermuda Triangle and watch the video. There are additional facts there if you want them.
2. Summarise the points in the video using the boxes below. The questions underneath are there to help guide you.
3. Challenge: The last two boxes are blank to add your own questions with facts.



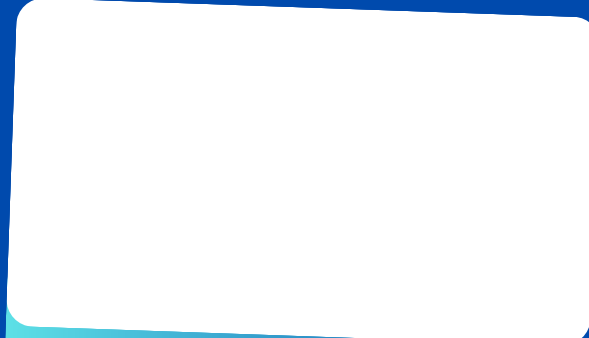
Where is the Bermuda Triangle?



What has happened at the Bermuda Triangle?



What evidence supports the theory of what has happened?



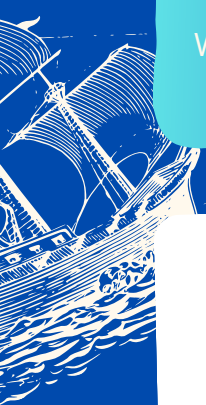
What are the causes of what has happened there?



Write your own question here.



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Answers

Stations 3 & 8 - Longwang

About Longwang: Match the letters to the questions to get the correct answer.

1. b - under the sea.
2. d - red
3. e - gemstones
4. c - Sagara
5. a - Dragon King

Match the letter for the different sea to the correct brother of Longwang.

Ao Gung: Eastern Sea (d), Ao Qin: South Sea (c), Ao Rùn: West Sea (a), and Ao Shu: North Sea (b)

Write TRUE (T) or FALSE (F) next to each one of the statements below.

1. T
2. F - he is seen in both human and dragon form.
3. F - he brings rainfall and cures droughts.
4. T
5. T

Finish the sentences by filling in the gaps with the missing words.

The famous **Dragon Boats** in China were inspired by Longwang and take on his **likeness**.

Many **coastal communities** still have **Temples** for Longwang.

He receives his commands directly from the **Jade Emperor**.

Stations 5 & 10 - The Bermuda Triangle

- **Where is the Bermuda Triangle?** Atlantic ocean between Bermuda, Miami and Puerto Rico.
- **What has happened there?** many ships and planes have disappeared.
- **Evidence?** people radioing about different weather conditions, historical reports of experiencing events there, instruments especially navigational going crazy.
- **Causes?** electrical storms, magnetism and ocean currents