



# Mysteries from Long Ago

Was Atlantis a real city? Was there a real King Arthur?  
What do prehistoric cave paintings mean?

## What did you learn?

### QUESTIONS

1. The nickname Plato means ...
  - a. Teacher
  - b. Smart
  - c. Broad
  - d. Burly
2. King Nebuchadnezzar called the strange creature on the main gate of Babylon a ...
  - a. Siracha
  - b. Cat
  - c. Dragon
  - d. SIRRUSH
3. The people who build the great stone monuments had tools like ...
  - a. Cranes
  - b. Hammers
  - c. Chainsaws
  - d. Cars
4. In July 1587, a group of colonists arrived at tiny ...
  - a. Nantucket
  - b. Manhattan
  - c. Rhode Island
  - d. Roanoke Island
5. What are Neandertals named after?
6. Which of these is a Neandertal?



### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. In the 1960's, scientists dug up the ruins of a town and palace that had been buried beneath ash from the volcano. | _____ 4. Megalithic monuments are always single, tall stones, standing alone.                           |
| _____ 2. Neandertal people were not very smart or skillful.   | _____ 5. The legend of King Arthur is the kind of story called an <i>epilogue</i> .                     |
| _____ 3. Some scientists believe that the cave paintings may not have been made for hunting magic at all.                   | _____ 6. Many historians and scientists think that the figure of King Arthur is based on a real person. |



## ANSWERS

- 1. c. Broad.** According to section “Was There a Real Atlantis?” on page 6, we know that “He was generally known by the nickname Plato, which means ‘broad,’ because of his broad shoulders.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 2. d. Surrush.** According to section “What Was the Surrush of Babylon?” on page 20, we know that “King Nebuchadnezzar had called the creature a surrush, which was the Babylonian word for dragon!” So, the correct answer is D.
- 3. b. Hammers.** According to section “The Secret of the Great Stone Monuments” on page 35, we know that “The people who built monuments had only simple tools, such as stone hammers, shovels made from the shoulder bones of oxen, and pickaxes made from deer antlers.” So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. d. Roanoke Island.** According to section “What Became of the ‘Lost Colony?’” on page 50, we know that “In July 1587, they arrived at tiny Roanoke Island off the northeastern coast of what is now North Carolina.” So, the correct answer is D.
5. According to page 14, Neandertals are named after the Neander Valley in Germany, where some of their bones were first discovered.
6. According to page 16, the Neandertal is on the right. The man on the left is Cro-Magnon.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section “Was There a Real Atlantis” on page 11, we know that “In the 1960’s, scientists dug up the ruins of a town and palace that had been buried beneath ash from the volcano.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section “What Became of the Neandertal People?” on page 16, we know that “Yes, the Neandertal people were smart, skillful, sensitive survivors.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section “What do Prehistoric Cave Paintings Mean?” on page 26, we know that “However, other scientists believe that the cave paintings may not have been made for hunting magic at all.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section “The Secret of the Great Stone Monuments” on page 30, we know that “Others are circles, rows, and clusters of many huge stones, standing upright.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. False.** According to section “Was There a Real King Arthur?” on page 40, we know that “It is the kind of story called an epic—a grand, majestic, powerful tale of great heroism and adventure.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. True.** According to section “Was There a Real King Arthur?” on page 44, we know that “Many historians and scientists think that the figure of King Arthur is based on a real person.” So, the correct answer is True.