



Solved Mysteries

When did archaeologists prove that the story of the Trojan War is based on fact? How did ancient Egyptians make mummies? Read *Solved Mysteries* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. Scientists discovered that Pongos were actually ...
 - a. Lemurs
 - b. Gorillas
 - c. Dogs
 - d. Leopards
2. One of the greatest tales of the Trojan War is ...
 - a. *The Odyssey*
 - b. *The Iliad*
 - c. *The Tale of King Menelaus*
 - d. *War and Peace*
3. The mummification process—from death to burial—took ...
 - a. About 30 minutes
 - b. About 72 hours
 - c. 30 days
 - d. 70 days
4. Easter Island was first sighted by the Dutch on ...
 - a. Easter Sunday, 1602
 - b. Easter Sunday, 1066
 - c. Easter Sunday, 1912
 - d. Easter Sunday, 1722
5. What are the statues on Easter Island called?
6. Who is this?



TRUE OR FALSE?

- _____ 1. In his book *Pilgrimages of the World*, William Battel describes a big creature that wasn't very strong.
- _____ 2. One of the world's oldest stories is the story of the Trojan War.
- _____ 3. There is really nothing mysterious about mummies.
- _____ 4. Ancient Egyptians only mummified people.
- _____ 5. The more modern and local name for Easter Island is Rapa Nui.
- _____ 6. The Easter Island statues were carved out of the sides of trees all over the island.

ANSWERS

- 1. b. Gorillas.** According to section “The Terrifying Pongo” on page 9, we know that “It was, of course, the animals we now call a gorilla.” So, the correct answer is B.
- 2. b. The *Iliad*.** According to section “The Legend That Became a Fact” on page 13, we know that “One of the greatest tales of the Trojan War is the *Iliad*, meaning ‘story of Ilium.’” So, the correct answer is B.
- 3. d. 70 Days.** According to section “What’s Mysterious About a Mummy?” on page 20, we know that “The process—from death to burial—took 70 days to complete.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 4. d. Easter Sunday, 1722.** According to section “Island of Mysteries” on page 24, we know that “On Easter Sunday in 1722, the men of a Dutch ship sailing in the South Pacific Ocean sighted a tiny, unknown island.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 5.** According to page 26, the huge statues on Easter Island are called *moai*.
- 6.** According to page 8, the photo shows Dr. Dian Fossey.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to section “The Terrifying Pongo” on page 7, we know that “According to Battel, it was stronger than 10 men!” So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. True.** According to section “The Legend That Became a Fact” on page 10, we know that “One of the world’s oldest stories is the story of the Trojan War.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. True.** According to section “What’s Mysterious About a Mummy?” on page 18, we know that “Actually, there is really nothing mysterious about mummies.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section “What’s Mysterious About a Mummy?” on page 20, we know that “They sometimes made mummies of dead pets—cats, birds, and even crocodiles!” So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section “Island of Mysteries” on page 26, we know that “Scientists believe that Rapa Nui, the more modern and local name for Easter Island, was first settled about A.D. 400.” So, the answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section “Island of Mysteries” on page 27, we know that “The statues were carved out of the side of a volcano that rises over the island.” So, the answer is False.