

Atlantis – Legendary Island

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Atlantis, the legendary island (1) in the Atlantic Ocean, has intrigued people for centuries (2). According to Plato's dialogues, *Timaeus* and *Critias*, Atlantis was described as a large island beyond (3) the Pillars of Hercules, modern-day Strait of Gibraltar. Around 9,000 years before Solon's time, Atlantis was a prosperous (4) island with powerful rulers who conquered (5) many Mediterranean lands until they were defeated by the Athenians.

The story of Atlantis has fascinated (6) many, although it's likely a legend (7). Historians have debated its origins, with some linking it to ancient (8) Egyptian records of a volcanic eruption (9) on Thera around 1500 BCE. This catastrophic event caused tsunamis, leading to the collapse of civilizations (10) on nearby islands, potentially inspiring the Atlantis myth.

Despite its mythical nature, Atlantis remains a popular topic, with various theories and interpretations capturing the imagination of people worldwide.