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The story of Atlantis is a famous myth. Atlantis is believed by many to be an ancient island that sank into the ocean. It was supposedly home to an advanced civilization that had conquered many nations. The island collapsed into the sea, apparently disappearing during an earthquake.

The possibility that Atlantis was real has been discussed throughout history. This idea has usually been rejected because there is not enough evidence that it existed.

Plato, a Greek writer, made the earliest recorded reference to Atlantis about 2,500 years ago. According to Plato's version of the myth, the Greek gods divided the planet between themselves . Poseidon, the god of the sea, received the island of Atlantis as his share.

Poseidon shared Atlantis amongst his children. The eldest son, Atlas, was given the mountain where he was born and the neighbouring area as his kingdom.

Atlas was eventually made king of the entire island and the surrounding ocean, which was called the Atlantic Ocean in his honour.

Atlas made his birthplace into a city and enclosed it with three circular moats of gincreasing width which were separated by rings of land. The inhabitants of Atlantis then built bridges over the moats.

There have been gdozens of locations proposed for Atlantis, most of them in or near the Mediterranean Sea. The legend of Atlantis is featured in many books, films, television series and other creative works.

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