

Task 1: Read the following story (access from Benchmark) and answer the questions. Be sure to scroll all the way down for your second task.

Atlantis Land of Sunken Dreams

- 1.**What is the main idea of the last paragraph on page 10?
 - a. Education was important to the Atlanteans as they had impressive universities, schools, and libraries.
 - b. The wealth from successful businesses allowed Atlanteans to live comfortably.
 - c. The people of Atlantis had little to disagree about because of the wonderful paradise they lived in.
 - d. Argus suggested the people of Atlantis could benefit from knowing how the less fortunate lived.

- 2.**All of the following are causes of why Atlanteans grew smug except...
 - a. The Atlanteans felt sorry for people that were born elsewhere.
 - b. The Atlanteans felt fortunate about where they lived.
 - c. The Atlanteans wanted to visit other nations and tell them about their way of life.
 - d. The Atlanteans felt superior.

- 3.**All of the following are consequences of the Atlantean fleet sailing to other nations except...
 - a. Atlanteans appreciated their life more as they visited underprivileged nations.
 - b. Water and land battles broke out.
 - c. Atlantis' empire grew.
 - d. Atlanteans stole money and jewels from others.

4. Atlantis fell apart long before the volcano erupted. Which statement best supports this idea?

- a. The Atlanteans were blessed with good health and wealth, and lived in a prosperous nation.
- b. Atlantis decided it was their moral obligation to go out and tell the world of their superiority.
- c. As the Atlanteans returned home they were less honest and more selfish.
- d. The Atlanteans could benefit from learning about the lives of people less fortunate.

5. What happened right before the tall towers in Atlantis came down?

- a. A volcano erupted.
- b. A tsunami occurred.
- c. Atlas was angry at his people.
- d. Atlantis was destroyed.

Task 2: Choose 1 of the following options.

Option 1: Blackout Poetry. Create a poem by taking some type of text such as a magazine or newspaper and blacking out words until a poem is formed. For more information on this type of poem click on the following link.

[Blackout Poetry](#)

Option 2: Haiku Poem. A Haiku is a Japanese poem that includes 3 lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables. The subject of your poem can be anything. Here is an example of a Haiku poem.

School is Over

The class is vacant
The bright sun is beaming high
Summertime is here

Option 3: Shape Poem. A shape poem is a poem that takes on the shape of the thing you are writing about. Whatever you decide to write about, make sure you can draw it! Here is an example of a shape poem.

"Rain,
Rain. Go away.
Come again another day."
Rain, Rain. Go away! Rain, Rain.
You make me sad. Rain, Rain. You make
Me mad. Rain, Rain. You make the roads slick and wet.
Rain, Rain. You make my hair a big mess. Rain, Rain. You
tend to make me quite upset. Rain, Rain. I like you less and less.

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