

Global Folklore and Legends

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1. The legend of Atlantis, a lost island civilization, is most famously associated with which ancient Greek philosopher?

- A) Aristotle
- B) Plato**
- C) Socrates
- D) Herodotus

2. The mythical land of Shangri-La, known for its eternal youth and harmony, is often said to be located in the mountains of which country?

- A) India
- B) Nepal
- C) Bhutan
- D) China**

3. The folklore of the Loch Ness Monster, a supposed aquatic creature, originates from a large freshwater lake in which country?

- A) England
- B) Wales
- C) Scotland**
- D) Ireland

4. The legend of El Dorado, a mythical city of gold, was sought by explorers primarily in the region of which continent?

- A) Africa
- B) North America
- C) South America**
- D) Asia

5. The tale of the Minotaur, a creature with the body of a man and the head of a bull, is part of the mythology of which ancient civilization centered on the island of Crete?

- A) Egyptian
- B) Roman
- C) Greek**
- D) Mesopotamian

6. The folklore of the Yeti, also known as the Abominable Snowman, is most commonly associated with the mountainous regions of which range?

- A) Alps
- B) Andes
- C) Rockies
- D) Himalayas**

7. The legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is traditionally set in which region of Great Britain?

- A) England**
- B) Scotland
- C) Wales
- D) Cornwall

8. The mythical island of Avalon, where King Arthur was said to have been taken after his final battle, is often identified with an island off the coast of which English county?

- A) Kent
- B) Cornwall**
- C) Devon
- D) Somerset

9. The story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, who led children away with his music, is a legend originating from a town in which modern-day country?

- A) France
- B) Austria
- C) Germany**
- D) Netherlands

10. The myth of the Kraken, a giant sea monster, is often linked to the folklore of which Scandinavian country?

- A) Sweden
- B) Denmark
- C) Norway**
- D) Finland

11. The legendary Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, were supposedly located near the ancient city of Babylon in which modern-day country?

- A) Iran
- B) Syria
- C) Iraq**
- D) Turkey

12. The folklore of the Phoenix, a mythical bird that cyclically regenerates or is otherwise born again, is found in the myths of which ancient civilization?

- A) Chinese
- B) Greek**
- C) Norse
- D) Aztec

13. The legend of the Wandering Jew, a character cursed to roam the Earth until the Second Coming, has its origins in Christian folklore and is often associated with which European city as a supposed point of origin?

- A) Rome
- B) Jerusalem**
- C) Constantinople
- D) Paris

14. The story of Romulus and Remus, the legendary founders of Rome, states they were raised by a wild animal in the vicinity of which river?

- A) Danube
- B) Po
- C) Rhine
- D) Tiber**

15. The folklore of the Djinn (or Genie), supernatural creatures often associated with magic, originates from the mythology of which region?

- A) Sub-Saharan Africa
- B) East Asia
- C) Middle East and North Africa**
- D) Oceania

16. The legend of the headless horseman, a figure often associated with Halloween, is famously popularized in a short story set in the Hudson Valley region of which U.S. state?

- A) Massachusetts
- B) Pennsylvania
- C) New York**
- D) Virginia

17. The myth of the Sphinx, a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a human, is most famously associated with the ancient structures found near which Egyptian city?

- A) Alexandria
- B) Luxor
- C) Cairo**
- D) Aswan

18. The legend of the Icarus myth, where a boy flies too close to the sun with wings made of feathers and wax, is a prominent tale from which ancient civilization's mythology?

- A) Roman
- B) Greek**
- C) Egyptian
- D) Norse