

Project: Media Literacy

Activity C2 - Short term joint staff

Facts vs. Fiction, or how to deal with misinformation

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Myths and legends about Plovdiv



- **Legend of the seven hills of Plovdiv**

The troops of Philip of Macedon unsuccessfully stormed Thebes several times, and the city resolutely refused to surrender. Then the general issued an order - the first to climb the fortress wall wins as a reward the management of the city. There were many Thracians in his army, and one of them managed to avoid the enemy's arrows and swords, climb the ladder and step on the cogs. After the breakthrough, the city fell quickly and Philip of Macedon fulfilled his promise - he appointed the brave warrior as governor. Years passed, the new ruler established his power, but his neighbors threatened to attack him.



Just then, having received news from his native place, his brother begged him to come to their aid against the barbarian tribes. The Thracian did not respond, he was too afraid for the city entrusted to him. A decade passed and he received word from his brother again – their mother was on her deathbed and wanted to see him one last time. Again the Thracian did not go, palace intrigues threatened his rule and he feared too much for his power.



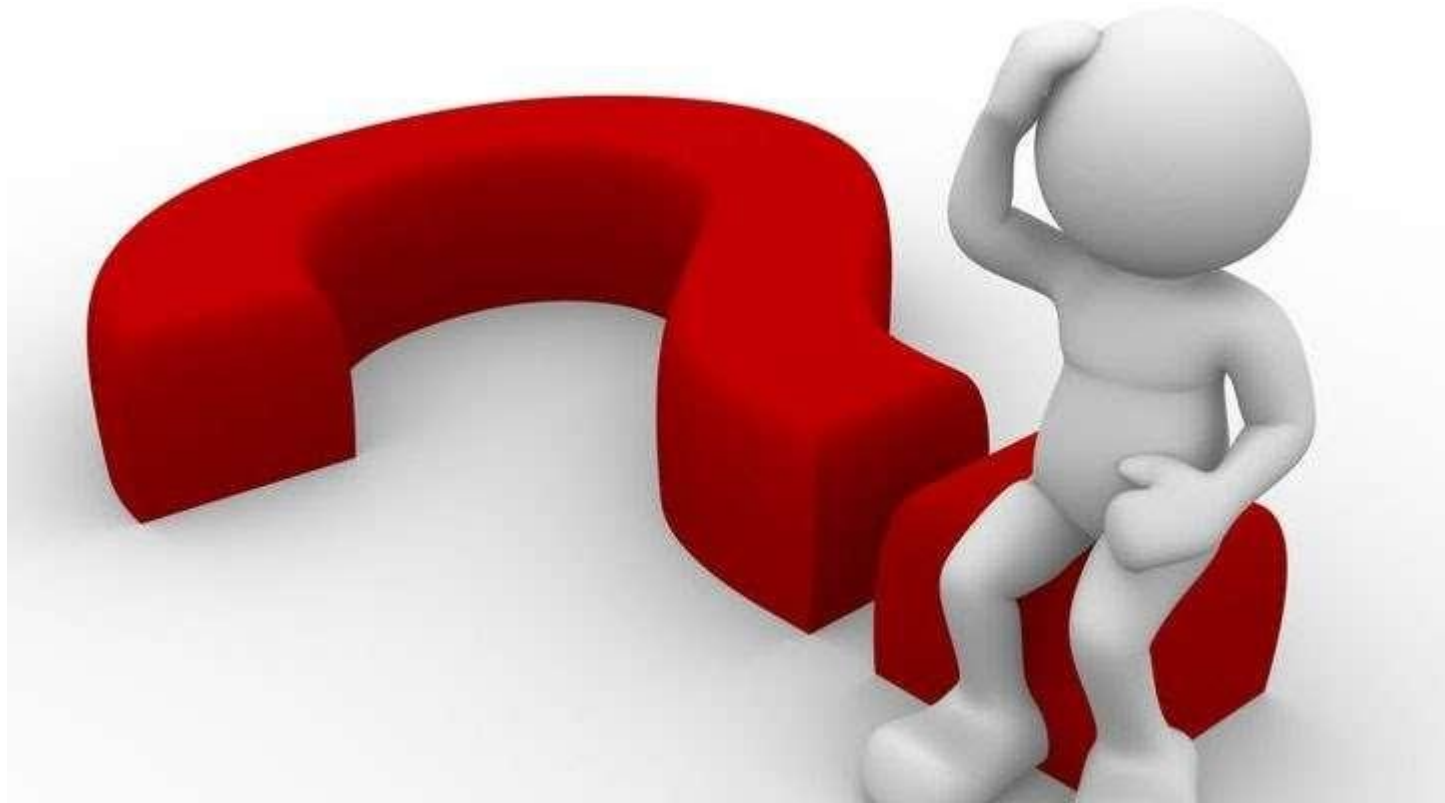
Before he died, however, his mother cursed him to turn into stone if he set foot in his native land again. The ruler's life came to an end, his last wish was to be buried where he was born. His most faithful servant loaded the coffin with his body on several camels and set off. He walked for a long time, crossed many lands and finally reached the lands of today's Plovdiv. He stopped to make a fire in the evening, and the coffin slipped from the camel that was carrying it, fell to the ground, opened and the body rolled away. In an instant, everyone was petrified - and the already dead Thracian and his servant and the camels, that's how the hills were formed.

Legend of the creation of Plovdiv





Legend has it that in the mountains to the south of the plain, there lived a beautiful maiden named Rhodope. As soon as he saw her, the sea god Poseidon fell in love with her, but soon abandoned Rhodope and was kidnapped by the son of Rhodope and Hemus - Eumolpias. The giant Hemus tried to stop him and threw several huge stones to block his path. Poseidon got angry and turned Hemus into a mountain, and the stones remained standing like heaps in the field on the south bank of the river Maritza. When Eumolpias grew up, he went back to look for his mother, but found only a beautiful mountain with her name on it. He settled on the hills by the river and there he built the city of Eumolpia, today's Plovdiv.



Task:

Are the provided legends and myths about the city of Plovdiv true or misinformation?

