

Discovering Ancient Cities



History – the Trojans and the Greeks

Do you know the famous story of the Siege of Troy, when legendary heroes Achilles and Odysseus fought in a long war with the Trojans? What had the Trojans done to upset the Greeks?

Your answer?

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Arrange these armies!

Find out about the famous characters in the Trojan Wars and put them in the right boxes.

- Agamemnon
- Menelaus
- Helen
- Achilles
- Hector
- Paris
- Odysseus
- King Priam
- Ajax

The Greeks

The Trojans



The city of Troy was famous for its very strong walls. The Greeks couldn't break in, so the city was under siege for ten years until Odysseus came up with a clever plan to trick the Trojans.

Do you know how the Greeks got inside the walls?

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Take a trip to Troy on a Turkish holiday

The ancient city of Troy lay hidden for thousands of years until it was discovered by a German called Heinrich Schliemann when he dug up a hill at Hissarlik in Turkey. Schliemann was a wealthy man but he was a poor archaeologist. Eager to find King Priam's lost city, he carved a huge trench through the hill, destroying a huge amount of historical evidence.

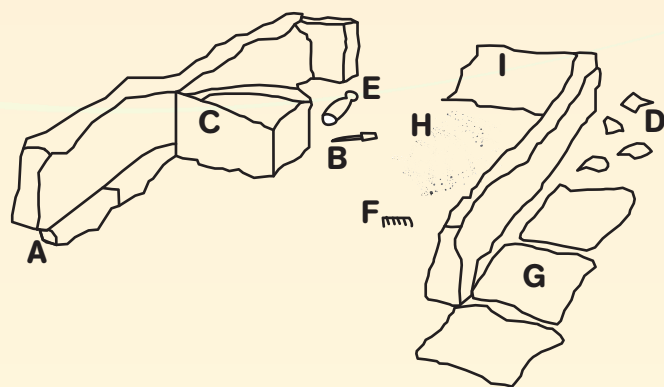
If you go to Turkey today, you'll find that Troy has been recreated by the Turkish government. It has been declared a World Heritage Site, which means it's now protected from any more careless digging by amateur archaeologists!

As an Eco-Traveller, you'll be able to take a good look at the ruins and reconstructions, but remember not to disturb anything. You can explore inside the huge wooden horse that the heritage site has built too!

Activity

Your archaeology challenge

Look at the Trojan building remains in the diagram, then draw the building as you think it may have looked in the past.



- A: broken pipe
- B: rusted knife
- C: cooking stover
- D: roof tiles
- E: cracked jar
- F: ivory comb
- G: paving stones
- H: red plaster
- I: mud brick wall