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## NEWSPAPER ARTICLE PLANNER

What will your newspaper article be about?

Headline:

Lead paragraph:

Picture:

Main body paragraph 1:

Caption:

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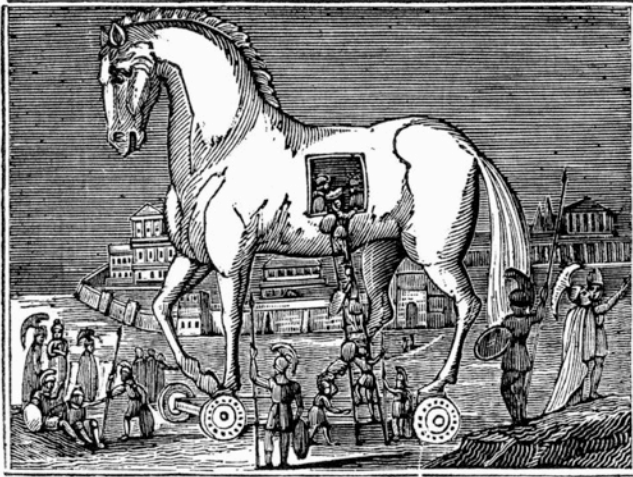
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### WHO?

- The people of Troy (Trojans)
- The army of Sparta (Greeks)
- General Odysseus
- Prince Paris of Troy
- Helen of Sparta

### WHAT?

- The defeat of the Trojans by the Spartans after a ten year war to rescue Helen.
- A cunning trick played on the Trojans by the Spartans, thought up by Odysseus

### WHEN?

- Between 1100 and 1200 BC (no one is quite sure).
- After ten years of battle between Troy and Sparta.

### WHERE?

- City of Troy, now an area in north-west Turkey

### HOW?

- The Spartans tricked the Trojans by pretending to be defeated. They left a gift of a wooden horse that was taken into the city walls. Soldiers were hiding in the horse and jumped out once the Trojans were busy celebrating their victory.
- The Trojans were caught unawares and couldn't defend themselves. The city was destroyed.
- Helen was returned to Sparta. The women and children of Troy were captured as slaves.

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## THE TROJAN HORSE

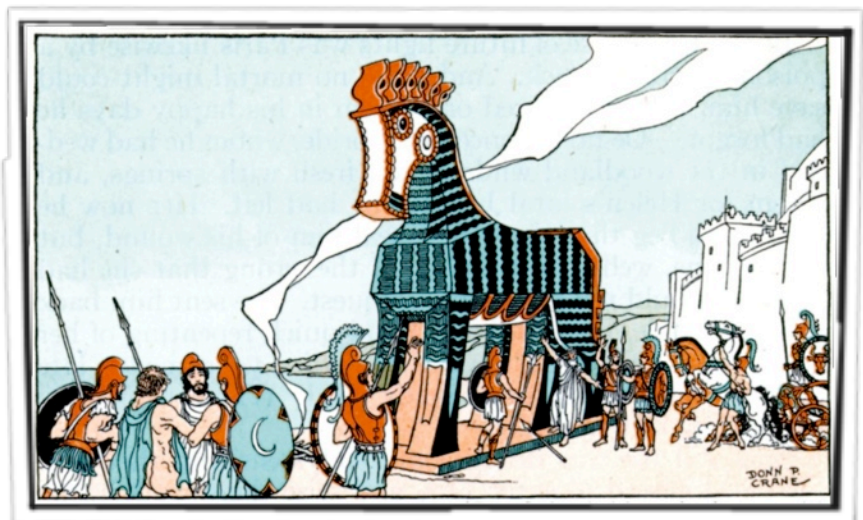
For ten years, the city of Troy and the Greeks of Sparta had been at war. Prince Paris of Troy had taken the Greek Queen Helen captive and the Greeks wanted her back. However, the city of Troy had a tall, strong wall around it so the Greek soldiers couldn't get into the city.

One day, Odysseus (a Greek general) had a clever idea. He ordered that a giant hollow wooden horse should be built and given to Troy as a gift. The Greek soldiers would then pretend to sail away when really they would just hide somewhere. The Trojans would think that the horse was a gift of defeat and take it into their city (it was the custom to give a gift when you admitted defeat in those days).

This is exactly what happened. The Trojans saw the Greeks sailing away and the magnificent horse they left behind. "This must be a gift. Let's bring it inside the city walls," they said.

The horse was so big that they had to knock down part of the wall to get it in but since the Greeks had gone they didn't mind. They just wanted to get their gift inside the walls so they could congratulate themselves on winning the war.

What the Trojans didn't know was that Odysseus and some of his men were hiding inside the horse. That night, while the Trojans were enjoying a feast to celebrate their victory, Odysseus and the other Greek soldiers climbed out of the horse and attacked the Trojans. The Greeks who had pretended to sail away returned and entered the city through the broken wall. They destroyed the city, killed the soldiers and took the women and children back to Greece as slaves. Queen Helen was returned to Sparta. The war between Troy and Sparta was finally over thanks to Odysseus' clever trick.



WRITE A REVIEW OF  
A GREEK PLAY AS A  
NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLE.

You will need to:

- explain what type of play it was (a comedy or tragedy)
- briefly describe the plot
- assess whether the play was good or bad and explain why
- describe the actors, costumes and set
- get quotes from actors or members of the audience

WRITE A  
NEWSPAPER ARTICLE  
ABOUT AN ANCIENT  
GREEK OLYMPICS AT  
OLYMPIA

You will need to:

- explain why and where the games are taking place
- describe what kind of events were undertaken
- describe who won which events
- get quotes from spectators or athletes

WRITE A  
NEWSPAPER ARTICLE  
ABOUT AN ANCIENT  
GREEK MYTH

(SUCH AS THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR,  
PERSEUS AND MEDUSA OR JASON AND THE  
GOLDEN FLEECE)

You will need to:

- explain who the main characters in the story are
- describe what happens in the story
- describe where and when the story takes place
- get quotes from people in the story

WRITE A NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLE ABOUT A  
GREEK DISCOVERY OR  
EVENT

(SUCH AS ARCHIMEDE'S WATER SCREW,  
HIPPOCRATE'S FIRST EVER MEDICAL SCHOOL,  
ATHEN'S FIRST DEMOCRATIC VOTE)

You will need to:

- explain what the event is and why it is important
- when the event took place
- who is involved in the event
- how the event came about
- quotes from people involved in the event