

Grade 5 – Statue Commits Murder

- 1- Name some famous statues that you know. Do you think it is important for cities to have statues? Why or why not?
- 2- Read the text *Statue Commits Murder* on pages 2 and 3.
- 3- Write a newspaper article about what happened the night the murder/death took place. Look at the instructions on page 4. Send me your work at melanie.custeau2@csmb.qc.ca

Statue Commits MURDER

warm up

As a class, share what you know about famous statues. Do you think it's important for a city to have statues? Why or why not?

Long ago, there lived a man called Theagenes. He was from the island of Thasos. Theagenes was a champion boxer, a great runner, and a super man. In fact, he was so important that the citizens of Thasos thought a statue should be made in his honour. And so it was.

Everyone loved Theagenes. Well, not quite everyone. One man in Thasos didn't like Theagenes at all. Each night he would sneak into town and beat the statue! One dark night, the statue toppled over and killed him instantly.

CHECKPOINT

How would you have treated the statue?

The victim's sons accused the statue of murder. It was found guilty! As punishment the statue was **exiled** and thrown into the sea.

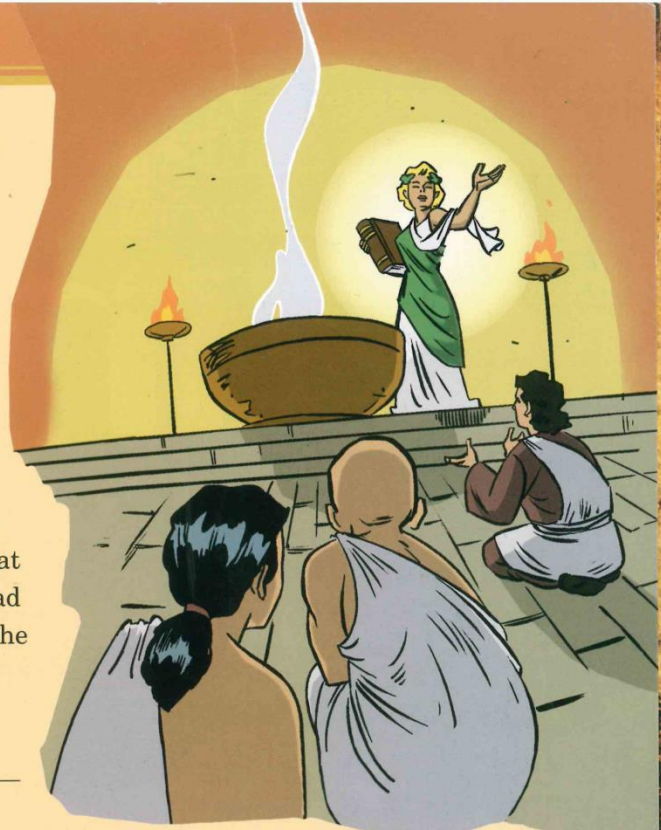
exiled: sent away from a home or country



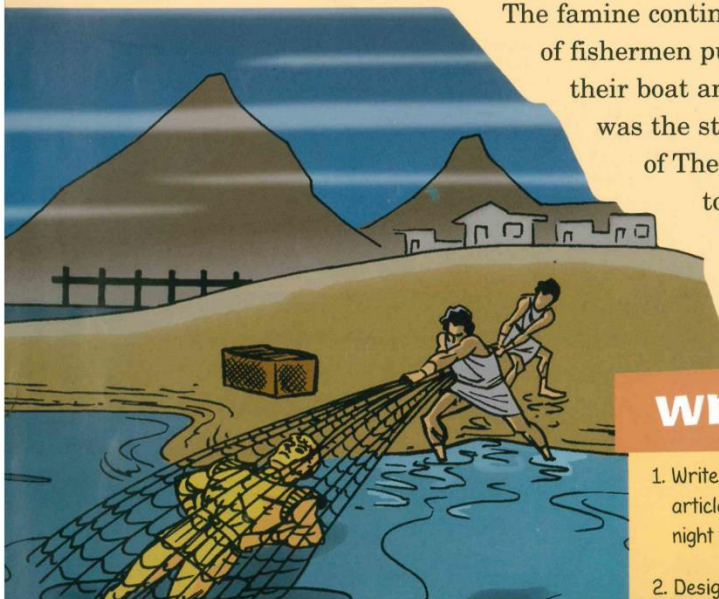
Time passed. A **famine** struck the island of Thasos. The hungry citizens travelled all the way to Delphi to ask an **oracle** for help. The oracle said the famine would stop when all the exiles returned to the island.

The citizens did as they were told, but the famine continued. They returned to Delphi, where a great priestess reminded them that the bronze statue of Theagenes had not been returned to the island. The people travelled home as fast as they could, but they couldn't find the statue.

famine: extreme shortage of food
oracle: person who gives advice



The famine continued. One day a group of fishermen pulled their nets into their boat and stuck in the net was the statue. The great statue of Theagenes was returned to its place. The famine ended. Just like that!



wrap up

1. Write a headline for a newspaper article about what happened the night the murder/death took place.
2. Design a stand that would keep

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Newspaper article

Write a newspaper article about what happened the night the murder/death took place. Make sure you have a catchy headline.

Headline = title = who + what

1st paragraph = 5 Ws (Who, What, When, Where, Why)

2nd paragraph = extra details

You must write only about the night the murder/death took place, not the famine that came afterwards.

- 1- First, answer the 5Ws to prepare for your article.
- 2- Write a headline with the Who and the What.
- 3- Write your article. Don't forget to skip lines. Your first paragraph should have the 5Ws and the second should have extra details. Use the simple past.
- 4- Correct your text using the following checklist:
 - a) I have who and what in the headline.
 - b) I answered the 5Ws in the 1st paragraph.
 - c) I gave extra details in the 2nd paragraph.
 - d) I used correct spelling.
 - e) I used the correct verb tense (simple past).
 - f) I used correct punctuation.
 - g) I used capitals at the beginning of each sentence.