

THE EMERALD TABLET



THE FORGOTTEN WORLDS BOOK 1
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Eleven-year old Benjamin Holt discovers he is not an ordinary human. He has seven weeks to find three keys that will restore the balance of the world. When he goes to the underwater continent of Lemuria for summer school, he learns of his secret mission. With the help of his friends, he retrieves the three keys and realizes the road ahead of him is bigger than the one behind.

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you were a telegen, which skill would you be the strongest in?
2. Within a day of being at summer school, Benjamin is told he needs to save the world. How would you feel if someone told you the weight of the world rested on your shoulders?
3. If you could teleport everywhere you wanted to go, would you?
4. How do you think Benjamin feels about his new friends?
5. Do you think pre-flood continents like Lemuria and Atlantis really existed?
6. Could super-humans really have existed and formed the beliefs for ancient gods (Greek, Norse, Egyptian)?
7. How would you feel if you found out you would be spending the entire summer at summer school?
8. Most civilizations have some sort of mythological flood story. Do you think there was ever any sort of cataclysmic flood in Earth's past?
9. Do you think if human's brains advanced far enough, they would be capable of telegen skills like telepathy and telekinesis?
10. At the end of the book, Benjamin finds out someone he has trusted is actually evil. How would you feel if you were betrayed like this?

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TEACHING GUIDE

1. Research some of the mythical places in *The Emerald Tablet*. Some of these are Lemuria, Atlantis, Xanadu, and Shambhala. What evidence can you find on the existence of these places?
2. What was Pangaea, and how does it pertain to the story of *The Emerald Tablet*? What is plate-tectonics?
3. P. J. Hoover used a good amount of mythology when writing *The Emerald Tablet*. How has mythology influenced our world in the past, and how does it still influence the world today?
4. Look at a timeline of the Earth. How long ago did humans appear on Earth? How long before this did humanoids start appearing?
5. What are some of the oldest alphabets or writing methods on Earth? How do these relate to our current alphabet?
6. How many volcanoes make up the Ring of Fire around the Pacific Ocean? How long have these volcanoes been in existence?
7. Draw a map of the earth showing the seven continents plus Lemuria and Atlantis.

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QUIZ

1. What are the names of the two keepers of The Emerald Tablet?
2. What must Benjamin lift with telekinesis in order to retrieve the first key of Shambhala?
3. What gift does Benjamin get for his birthday?
4. How do Benjamin and Heidi get to the mythical city of Xanadu?
5. What does it mean when a floor number in a building starts with an “i”?
6. Where does Iva travel to on a field trip?
7. Where were most of the Greek gods from originally according to *The Emerald Tablet*?
8. What happens to the three keys of Shambhala at the end of *The Emerald Tablet*?
9. What puzzle does Benjamin learn to solve while at summer school?
10. Define telekinesis.