### Discovery of Atlantis

#### Grade: High School

| Objectives | Atlantis is the name of a continent that some believe may have once existed and then disappeared from earth.  
|           | There is no mainstream scientific evidence that such a continent existed; however, certain unexplained phenomena could be explained by the existence of such a continent. |
| Materials | Research materials on Atlantis  
|           | Computer with Internet access  
|           | FriendFeed account |
| Procedure | 1. Ask students if they have ever heard of the lost continent Atlantis. Invite students who are familiar with the concept of Atlantis to tell the class what they have heard or read about.  

2. Share some background information:  
   - There has been speculation that a continent that no longer exists on Earth once supported an advanced civilization.  
   - Further speculation suggests that some catastrophic natural event destroyed Atlantis or caused it to sink into the ocean.  
   - Scientists and historians have speculated that Atlantis was located in North Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, the Aegean Sea, and other locations but no compelling scientific evidence for the existence of Atlantis has been found.  
   - Certain phenomena that are unexplainable could be explained by the existence of a lost continent.  

3. Inform your students they are to do do research and engage in discussions (in FriendFeed) that will help them decide what they think about the existence of Atlantis. Send them to print materials you have provided, to the library, and to the Internet.  

4. When students have completed research, divide the class into groups. Have each group create a FriendFeed account so that discussion with others on Atlantis can occur.  

5. After discussion with others on FriendFeed students should be able to hold a class discussion and share details and conclusions, if any, that resulted from their research and discussions through FriendFeed.  

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1: Adapted from: [http://school.discoveryeducation.com/lessonplansprograms/discoveryatlantis/ ]