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FOR EVERY KID

who wants to know the stories of REAL queens

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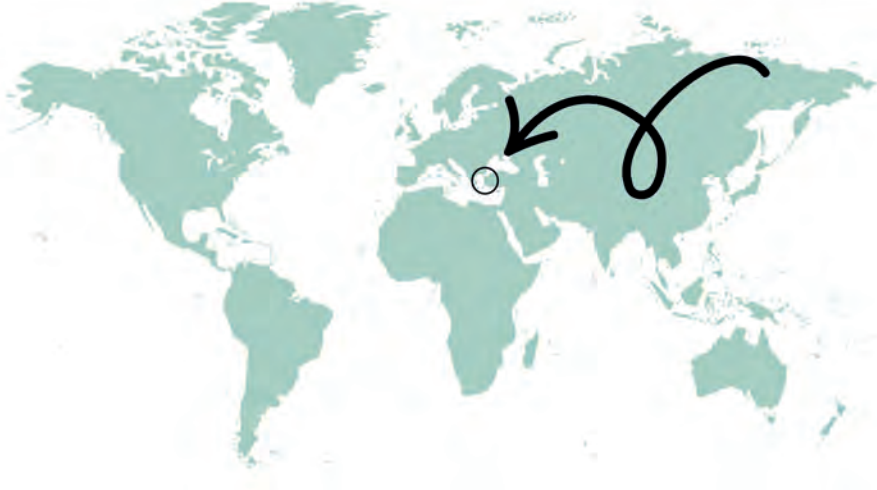
MAP

BLACK SEA
MACEDON
PERSIAN EMPIRE
Troy
AEGEAN SEA
GREECE
Ephesus
Athens
Latmus
CARIA
Mylasa
Halicarnassus
LYCIA
ISLAND OF RHODES
MEDITERRANEAN SEA



Historical Context

Long ago, hundreds of years before Alexander the Great, the people of Greece sailed across the Aegean Sea and settled along the western coast of Turkey. This land was called **ANATOLIA**.

The famous city of **TROY** with its legendary story of the Wooden Horse was built in this region. The city of **EPHESUS**, further to the south, was used by Shakespeare as the setting for his play *The Comedy of Errors.*

Later, the **PERSIAN EMPIRE** conquered Anatolia. The Empire was now so large that the Persian King used local governors to help manage the land. Sometimes they were allowed to continue ruling their kingdoms as kings, but under Persian control.

CHILDHOOD

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In the ancient days a king ruled over the KINGDOM OF CARIA in Anatolia. His name was King Hecatomnus, and he took care of the kingdom for the Persian Empire.

"King Hecatomnus is a great king!" the people would cheer whenever his chariot would race past. "Not even the Persian King himself would dare to upset him!"

The Persian King knew how strong and mighty Hecatomnus was and even chose him to lead a sea battle against the King of Cyprus.

Hecatomnus lived in the city of MYLASA. It was at here that he had a large family. Artemisia was his eldest daughter.

Say 'Caria' as KAH-ria

One morning she sat and watched as
the warm sunlight made the water glisten.

As Artemisia grew up, she liked to go to the river where the water could roll and splash across rocks as it pleased.

One morning she sat and watched as the warm sunlight made the water glisten. She saw SHIMMERING SPARKLES come to life as tiny girls wearing white dresses and dancing with quick, twirling feet!

Then, just as suddenly, the shimmers transformed into thousands of tiny, sparkling swords clashing against each other in a magical battle stretching over the water.

" ARTEMISIA ," her maidservant called to her softly. She was stirred out of her imagination and watched as the swords slowly disappeared back into the water.

Say 'Artemisia' as
Arti-MEE-zia