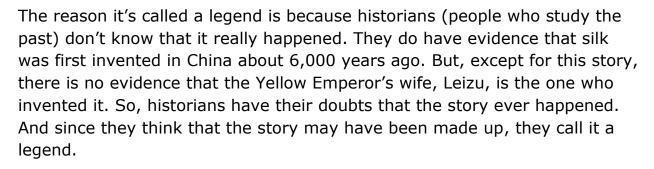
The Legend of the Silk Goddess

<u>The Legend of the Silk Goddess</u> has all the elements of a folktale. It's an old story about the past, told by a particular culture, which tells us something about the customs and values of that culture.

But is it a *legend*? Most legends contain something that makes them too hard to believe. Is *The Legend of the*Silk Goddess really all that unbelievable? If not, if it's just a story about something that happened long ago, then why is it called a legend?





2. If the story never happened, why might someone have made it up?

3. Why would people want to believe it?

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	ings the legend says about silkworms and silk thread are true. The ul part of the story is just how these things were first discovered.
4. A	According to the story, where does silk thread come from?
	At first, Leizu wasn't able to unwind the silk thread without breaking How did that change?
6. \	What do silkworms feed on?
	What makes silk thread special? Why were traders willing to travel thousands of miles and pay very high prices for it?

8. Why was the discovery of silk very important to China?

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