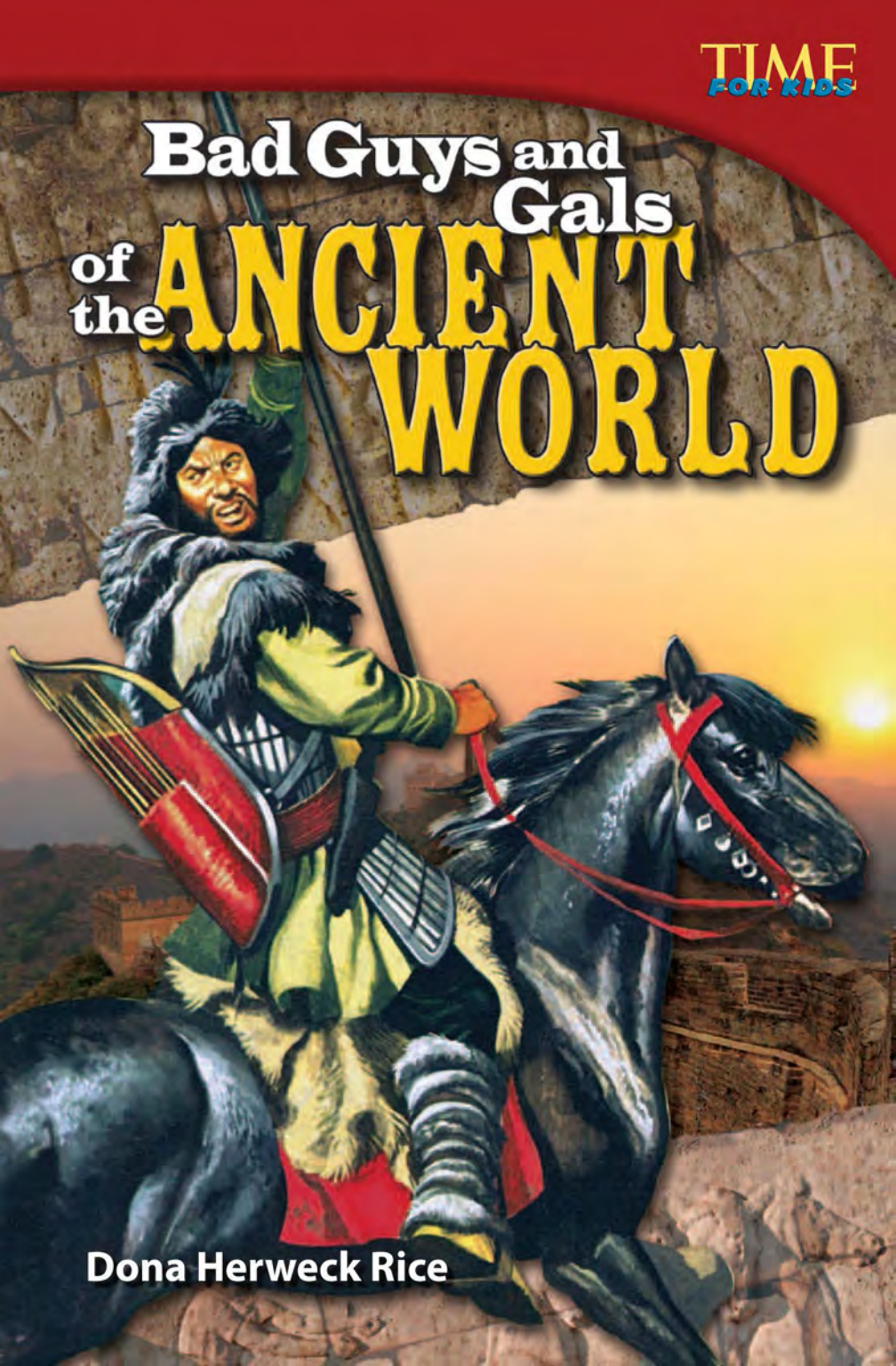

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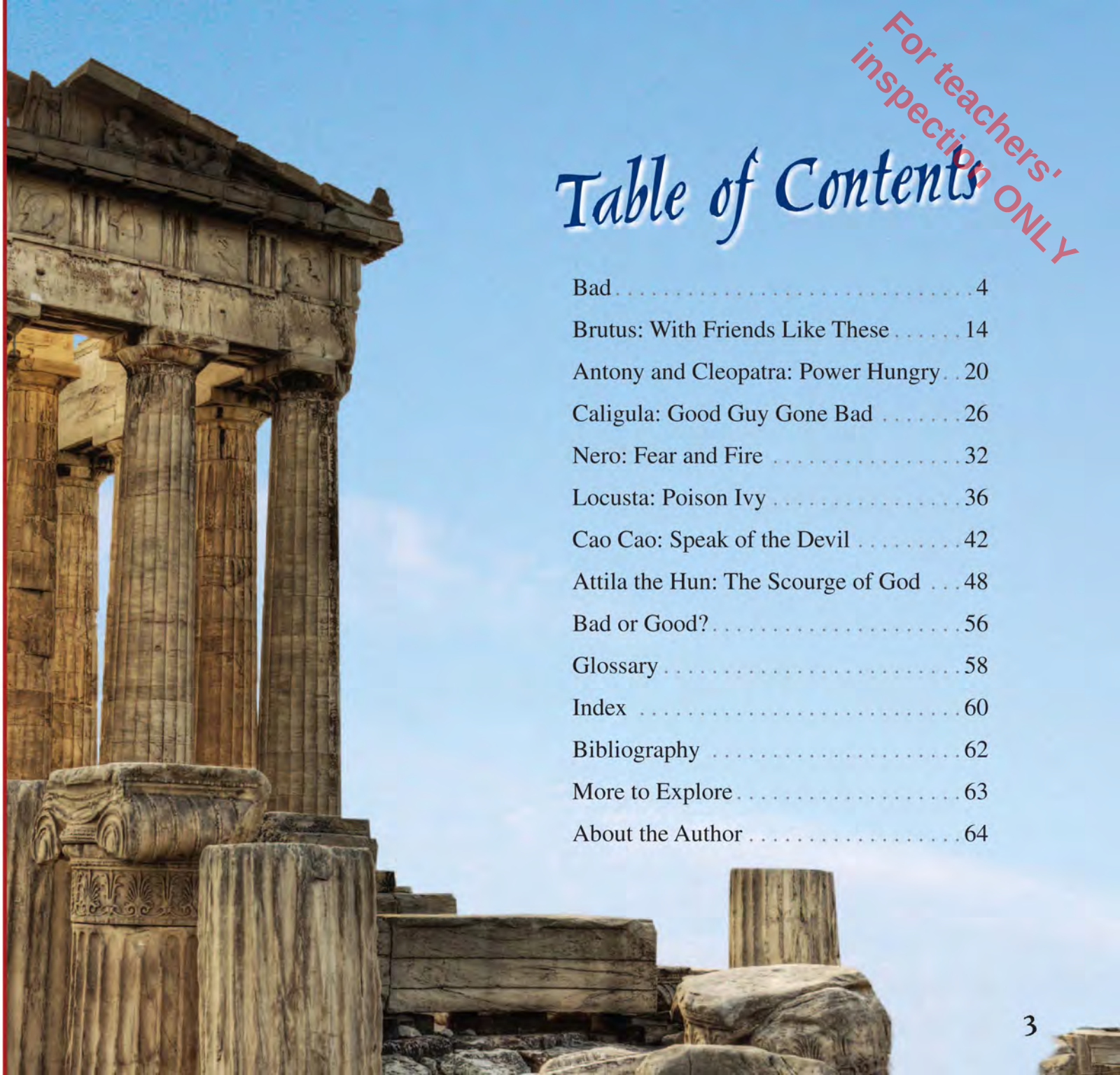
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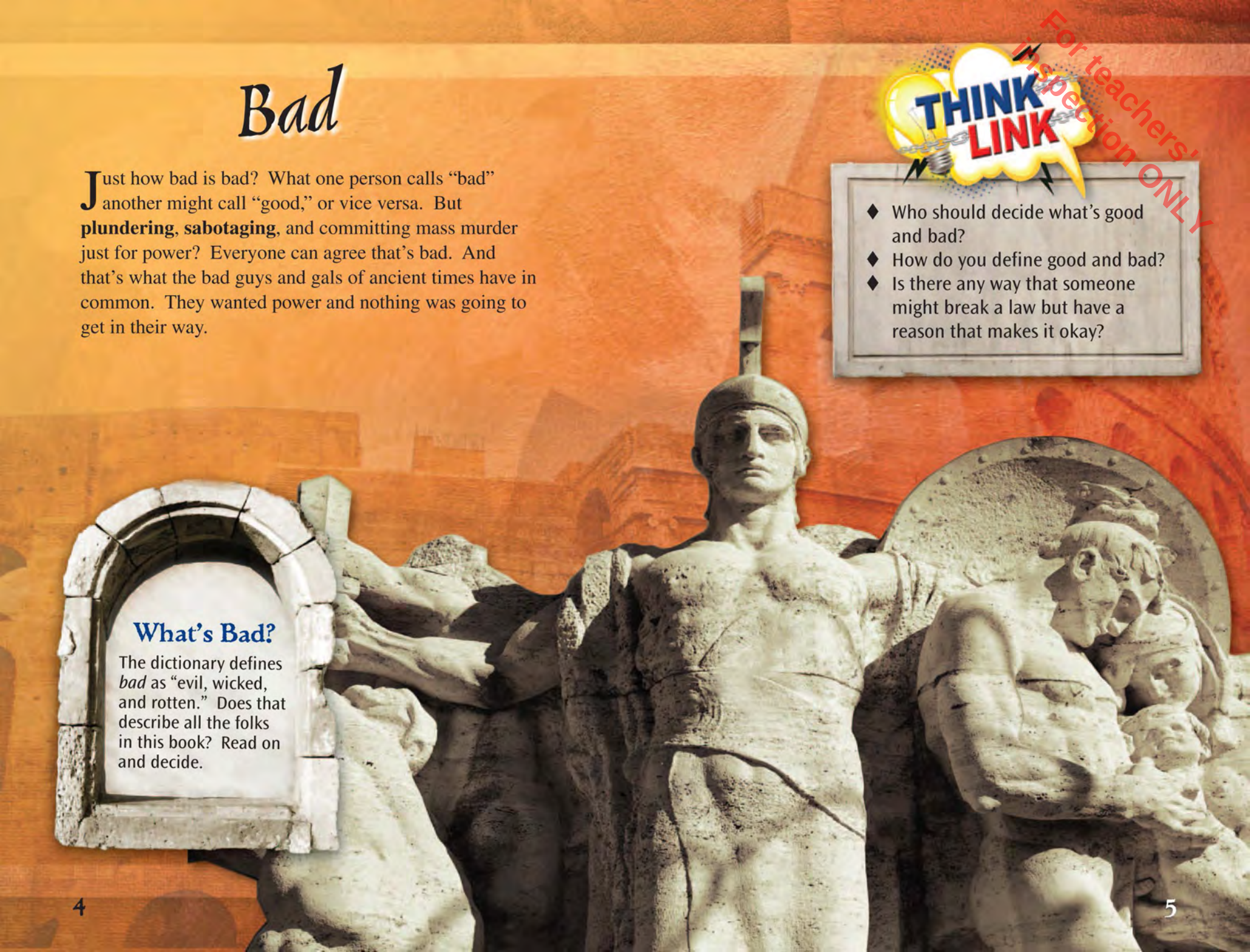
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Bad

Just how bad is bad? What one person calls "bad" another might call "good," or vice versa. But **plundering**, **sabotaging**, and committing mass murder just for power? Everyone can agree that's bad. And that's what the bad guys and gals of ancient times have in common. They wanted power and nothing was going to get in their way.



What's Bad?

The dictionary defines *bad* as "evil, wicked, and rotten." Does that describe all the folks in this book? Read on and decide.

THINK LINK

- Who should decide what's good and bad?
- How do you define good and bad?
- Is there any way that someone might break a law but have a reason that makes it okay?

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Ancient History

Ancient history marks the period from the beginning of time to the fall of the Western Roman Empire in AD 476. During that time, leadership **ebbed and flowed**. One group or person took power from another group or person until someone took it from them. And so it goes. The victors are remembered by history. And the deeds of some of the most rotten victors are remembered most of all.

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Together, these leaders ruled over 9,000 miles of land!



Brutus
85 BC–42 BC



Antony
83 BC–30 BC



Cleopatra
69 BC–30 BC



Locusta
AD 1?–AD 69



Caligula
AD 12–AD 41



Nero
AD 37–AD 68



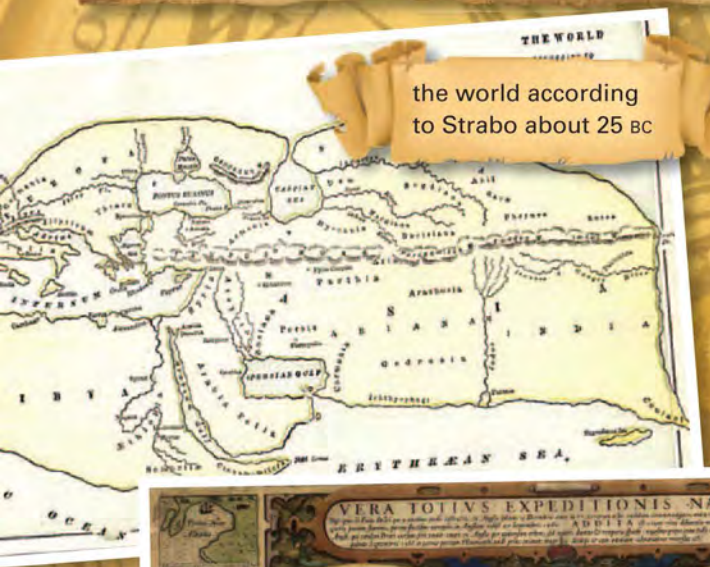
Cao Cao
AD 155–AD 220



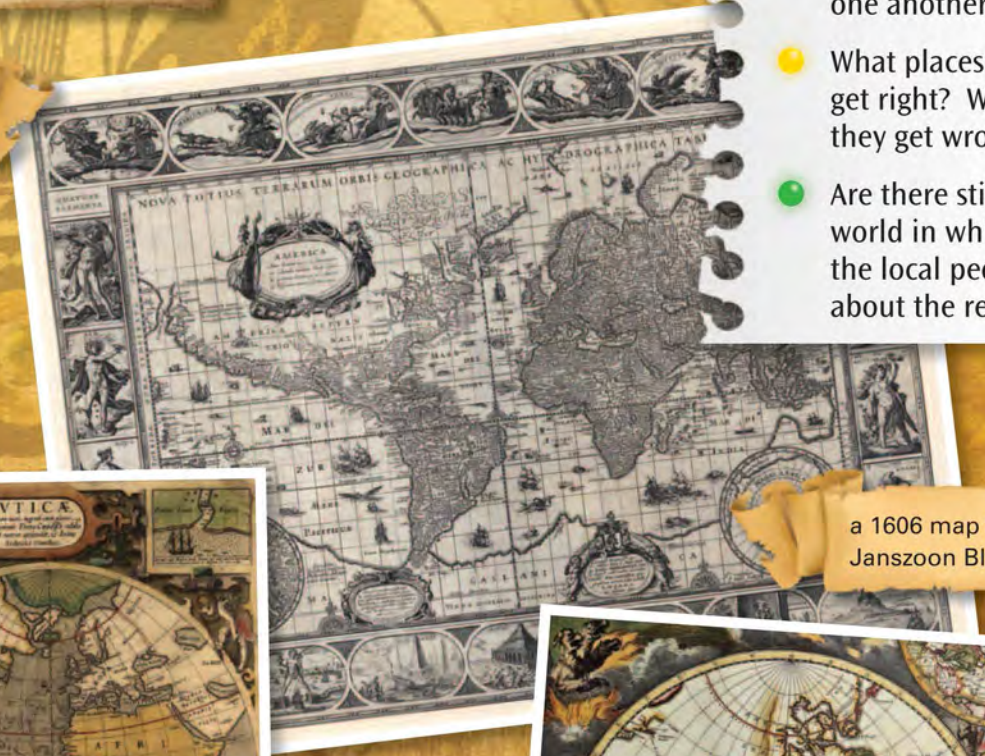
Attila the Hun
AD 406–AD 453

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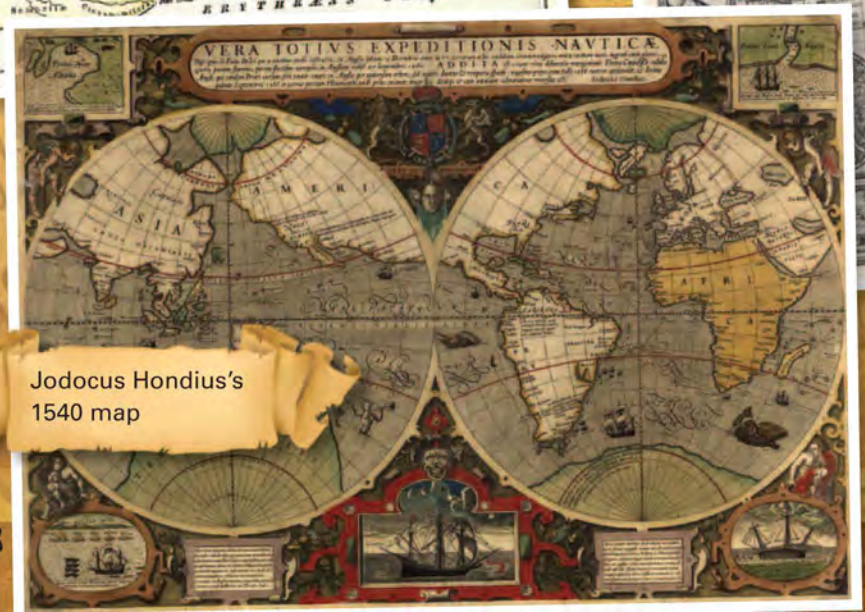
Throughout human history, the shape of continents and waterways has stayed much the same. But people in one area of the world knew little about people elsewhere—or even that "elsewhere" existed. For most people, the world only extended as far as they could walk. Take a look at how maps changed as people's understanding of the world grew.



the world according to Strabo about 25 BC



a 1606 map by Willem Janszoon Blaeu



Jodocus Hondius's 1540 map



a 1668 map by Frederick de Wit

- Why do you think these maps are so different from one another?
- What places did the ancients get right? What areas did they get wrong?
- Are there still places in the world in which it is hard for the local people to know about the rest of the world?

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