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What is the Bermuda Triangle and why is it considered

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The story of what we call the "Bermuda Triangle" actually began 56 years ago, in 1964. The name was first used by American

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author Vincent Gaddis in Argosy magazine, to describe an area the shape of a triangle in the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Florida. Get news that's free, independent and based on evidence.

EUROPE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN NORTH **AMERICA** Bermuda Florida **AFRICA** Puerto Rico SOUTH **AMERICA** There are no exact boundaries for the Bermuda Triangle, but according to Encyclopaedia Britannica its total area is between 1.3 and 3.9 million square kilometres. Australia is about 7.7 million square kilometres in size. Shutterstock This area has also been referred to as the "Devil's Triangle".

Throughout the decades it has been discussed in thousands of popular movies, books and documentaries. But why all the

Old unexplained 'mysteries'

where we are, the water is green, no white.

In 1945, five US Navy planes and 14 men disappeared in the area while doing routine training exercises. The flight's leader, <u>Lieutenant Charles Taylor</u>, was <u>heard</u> over the radio saying:

The hype around the Bermuda Triangle can be traced back to a

series of unexplained disappearances of ships and aircraft.

The US navy investigated and ultimately reported the incident as "cause unknown". From the time of this incident until the mid-

1980s, 25 small planes disappeared while passing through the

Bermuda Triangle. They were never seen again. No wreckage was

We are entering white water, nothing seems right. We don't know

ever recovered. Read more: Curious Kids: what's it like to be a fighter pilot? These stories captivated the public. Some people gave

extraordinary explanations, claiming there was something paranormal or supernatural going on. It was even suggested

aliens or the mythical underwater lost city of Atlantis had

something to do with the tragic events. The fact that some official accounts of the incidents describe them as "cause unknown" had added to the intrigue.



(such as ghosts or spirits) or the supernatural (such as magic or miracles)?

Some people do. They find such explanations exciting. This is what has happened for decades with the incidents in the Bermuda Triangle. However, when we take the time to learn more about these

mysterious, should we look for the answer in the paranormal

more ordinary. Take the disappearance of Charles Taylor and the five planes which the US Navy investigated. The investigation found that as it got dark outside and the weather changed, Taylor had

events and not jump to conclusions, they start to look much

navigated the planes to the wrong location. Taylor also had a history of getting lost while flying. He had twice needed to be rescued in the Pacific Ocean. The navy itself had a

good idea of what had happened ahead of the disappearance.

But the incident was ultimately described as "cause unknown" because Taylor's mother, not wanting to blame her son for the disappearance, maintained if the navy couldn't find the aircraft they couldn't say for sure what had happened. Not wanting to blame Taylor for the tragedy, the navy agreed.

What's more, the aircraft they had been flying were known to sink in as little as 45 seconds if they landed in water. And once aircraft sink in the vast ocean (although this is extremely rare these days), they are often never found again.

Most of the pilots involved in the incident were trainees. This

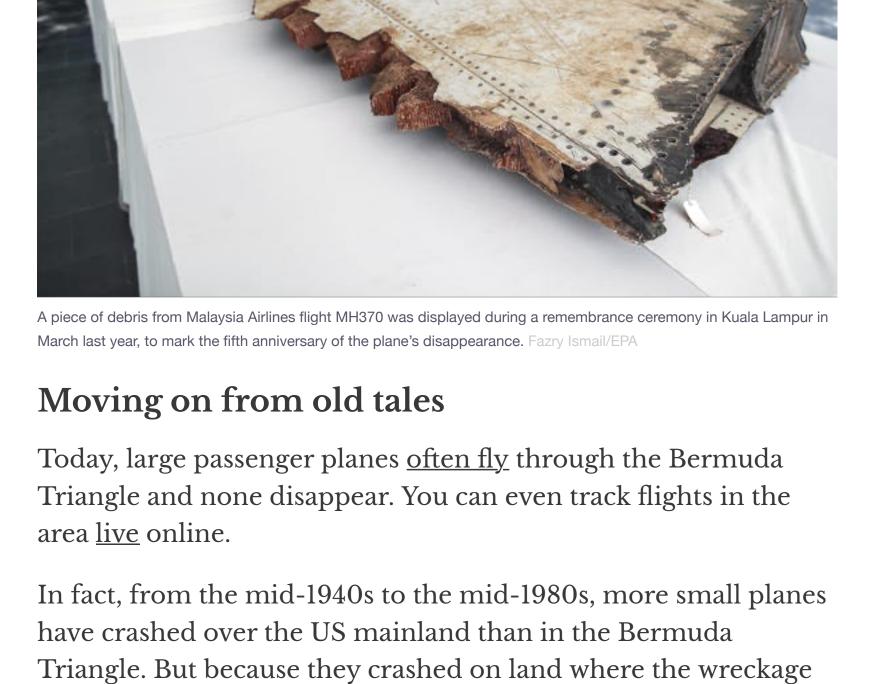
means they weren't properly taught how to use all the aircraft

instruments when flying at night, or in bad weather.

small amount of debris from the missing Malaysia Airlines MH370 flight, which disappeared in 2014, has been found.

This is true even now, despite big improvements in aircraft

technology and search-and-rescue methods. For instance, only a



Sometimes, when an event is hard to explain, it's tempting to say it was caused by the paranormal or supernatural. But if 1,000 aircraft fly through the Bermuda Triangle and we

can explain what happened to 990 of them, should we say the

proportionally speaking, than in any other part of the ocean.

It has also been shown the number of ships and aircraft reported

was found, they were not considered mysterious.

other 10 were supernatural cases? No.

change their minds

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missing in the Bermuda Triangle is not much larger,

mystery disappears. Read more: Why people believe in conspiracy theories - and how to

should try to learn more. Usually when we learn more, the

All we can say is we don't know what happened for sure - and we

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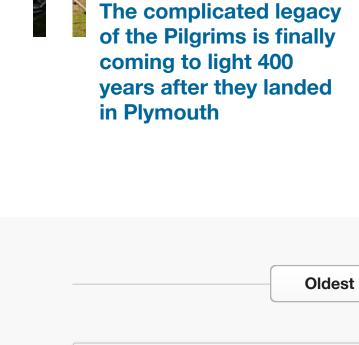
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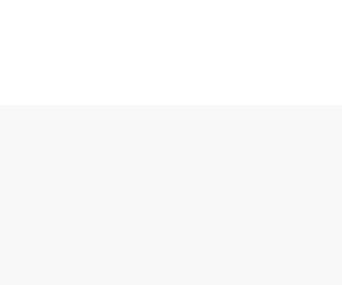




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