

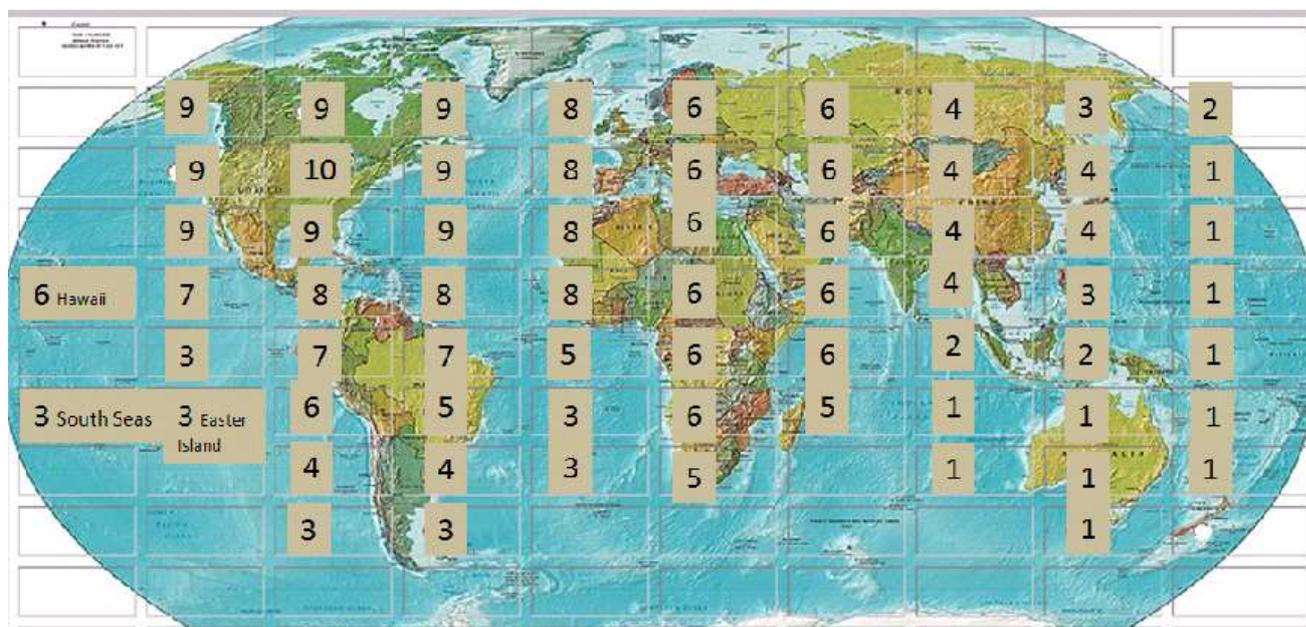
Lost City scoring system

Overall

The game has 4 clue sets and participants can send in 4 answer sheets. Scores for these need to be tabulated so they are available to judges for scoring in the finale. This means the data from the clues has to be reduced to a single score for each team. The fair and easiest way to do this is with a simple averaging or summation of scores made into a rating for each of the 4 answers. These, in turn, are summed to give a final score. To make this easy everything is rated on a 1 to 10 scale. That makes calculations easy for the proportion of points that make up the first part of the challenge.

PDF or Fax Scoring

The map is a key device to tell what the team is thinking at each stage. In the example below, the Great Lakes of USA are the location of this particular Lost City. They can tick as many boxes as they like but their score will be the **lowest** value of the ones they tick –ie- if they tick England and Australia their score would be the lower of the pair: 1 pt for Australia (which is furthest away from the Great Lakes USA). The table was prepared from flight distances taking into account famous sites and unlikelihood of finding things in some undersea locations.



Longitude and Latitude

In the first weeks these estimates are mainly looking to see which hemispheres they are searching. Exact coordinates become important later in the game when they help pinpoint the exact location of the city.

Culture

The people in this UW area used stone, some copper, and did not have a full 'bronze age' so iron and steel are much later imports. This is mainly important to see the team's thinking as technology is an aid to dating –ie- bronze age, iron age etc. It is also a location key as some cultures had a long and important bronze age others a long and important iron age etc. Earlier people of this particular UW area had a copper age but this may have peaked before the building of the lost city.

Architecture

The main UW artefact is the earth mound. There were no pyramids as such. Some such as wood hall would be hard to disprove. So a rough guide would be (out of 10) as follows.

earth mound 10,
tent village 6, earth pyramid 6,
mine or quarry 2, wood hall 2, road way 2, clay or adobe 3,
any others 0

Clearly, if in the 'other' category they name something highly specific to UW (such as 'effigy animal shape') that was not part of the clue choices this could be taken into account as 10/10.

Name of people

At the first set of clues "[American] Indian" would be 9/10, even though it covers an entire hemisphere. By 4th week "American Indian" would be down to 4/10 as by now we should be looking for the exact tribe.

Email answer system

The simple HTML form normally emails a text string such as

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Clue+%23=1&Team+Name=Wombats&Spain=8&Burma=4&Latitude=%2B+North&degrees=90&Longitude=&HighestMetalTechnology=Iron&checkbox7=road+way+2&checkbox5=stone+pyramid&checkbox6=mine+or+quarry+2&textfield2=&textfield22=&textfield23=&textfield24=&NamegiventoPeople=&OtherNamegiventoPeople2=&Submit=Submit
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The items are separated by the "&" character. This usually needs to be parsed to make it usable. A simple method is to alter the post form as below,

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<form  
method="post"action="mailto:myemail@whatever.wherever?subject=test"  
enctype="text/plain">
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which rectifies this and sends a parsed string such as we see below:

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Team+Name=Wombats  
Spain=8  
Burma=4  
Latitude=%2B+North  
degrees=90  
Longitude=  
HighestMetalTechnology=Iron  
checkbox7=road+way+2  
checkbox5=stone+pyramid
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checkbox6=mine+or+quarry+2

The items in the form have been coded to give sub-scores out of 10, based on how close their answer is to the reality. In the above example, the team has guessed Spain (8 out of 10) and Burma (almost the other side of the world, hence only 4 out of 10). The lowest of these should be taken as their score, hence only 4 out of 10 for globe location. Similarly they have guessed that this is an Iron Age society (0 out of 10) and that a roadway (2 out of 10) , stone pyramid (0 out of 10) and mine or quarry (2 out of 10) were found there. Again, take the lower of their guesses which is 0 out of 10. Thus the Wombat team at this stage has only made a couple of wild guesses on 2 sides of the globe, some generic things that might be found at any site, an Arthurian Age for technology, and taken a punt that a stone pyramid was found. Their composite score on the scale below would be circled as somewhere between 2-4 out of 10 for all of Clue #1.

Guesses	Generic safe choices	Informed guesses	well-informed choices						
1-----	2-----	3-----	4-----	5-----	6-----	7-----	8-----	9-----	10

Print out the page below if you like so you can copy to one sheet for each team

Lost City rating form

State _____ Team Name _____ Team ID _____

Clue #1 At this stage the likeliest high scores will have narrowed search down to a hemisphere. If a team has been fortunate to get a more precise location through lucky text-string search it will not add much because it still only tells them rough details of the ancient people.

Guesses	Generic safe choices	Informed guesses	well-informed choices						
1-----	2-----	3-----	4-----	5-----	6-----	7-----	8-----	9-----	10

Clue #2 At this stage enough clues are available for some teams to have honed right in on the ancient people. They can now concentrate on details of the people's life styles

Guesses	Generic safe choices	Informed guesses	well-informed choices						
1-----	2-----	3-----	4-----	5-----	6-----	7-----	8-----	9-----	10

Clue #3 At this stage teams ought to be able to get correct words to flesh out the crossword puzzle and even slow teams could be starting on their movie

Guesses	Generic safe choices	Informed guesses	well-informed choices						
1-----	2-----	3-----	4-----	5-----	6-----	7-----	8-----	9-----	10

Clue #4 At this stage the scoring comes down to finer details

Guesses	Generic safe choices	Informed guesses	well-informed choices						
1-----	2-----	3-----	4-----	5-----	6-----	7-----	8-----	9-----	10

Total Score for Judges summed from above scales:

_____ out of 40