



The Saronic Gulf was a string to six entrances to the ancient Greek underworld, each guarded by a chthonic enemy.

In the sunlit area of the water column she could see the silver shoals shining in the sunlight.

The juvenile fish dance in synch configuring entangled clusters resembling folds of a silver silk fabric billowing in the wind.

Like reflected constellations, echoing the positions of the stars, they reminded her of Rena

Papaspourou's video 'Constellations',  
The work resembled a close up of  
old mosaic Athenian floors and  
drawings of constellations  
being hypnotically superimposed,  
slowly connecting the various  
pebbles.

Papaspourou was the only female  
artist that had ever taught in the  
Athens School of Fine Arts, until recently.

Just like old mosaic Athenian  
floors become scarcer and  
more difficult to find, so will  
the fields of Posidonia within  
the gulf and their marine  
inhabitants.



The battle of Salamis, just to the west of modern day Piraeus, took place in the Saronic Gulf. This naval battle saw the Athenians defeat Xerxes.

She wondered if people inherently carry this information and can somehow sense it on sight of the sea, of death, wars, old floors, and sea creatures that are slowly being rendered obsolete.

These things felt somehow embedded in the spirit of the archipelago and carried around like waves as stories; like an expedition to the sea water's memory, an exploration of its very own underworld.

The 6 entrances to the underworld were located by 6 main rivers the mouths of which are at the Saronic Gulf. Those were visible in both the underworld and the living world.

- Styx was the river that was most widely known as the river that cycles the underworld 7 times.

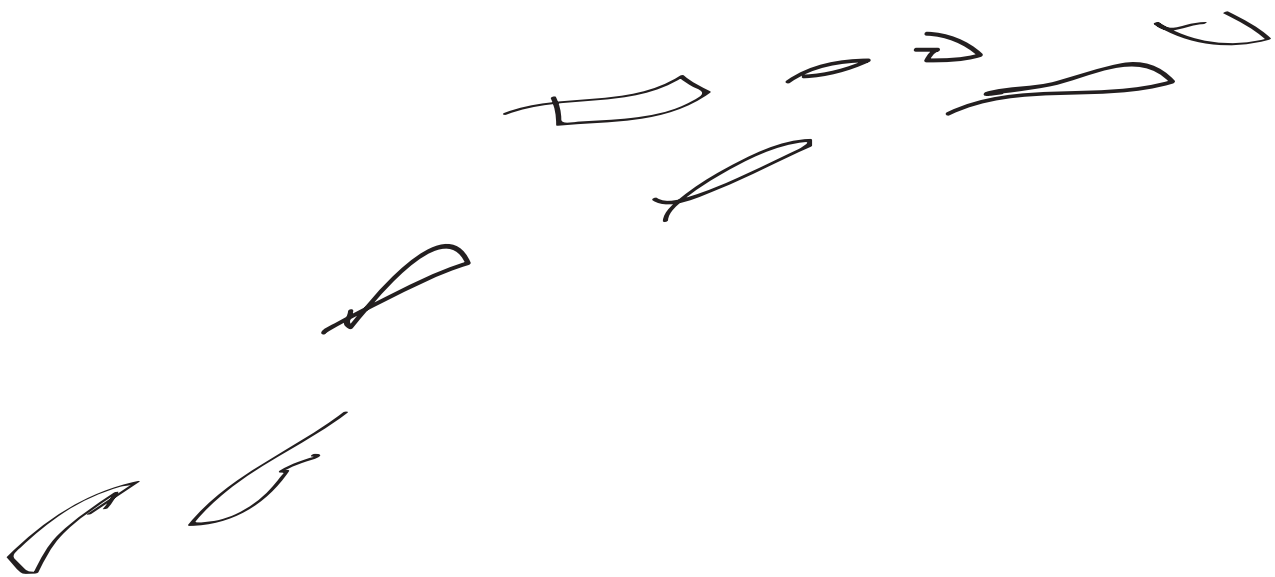
- Acheron was the river that Charon rows the dead over

- Lethe the river of forgetfulness

- Phlegethon the river of fire, according to Plato this river leads to the depths of Tartarus.

• Cocytus

• Oceanus, the river that encircles the world and marks the east edge of the underworld, as Erebus is west of the mortal world.



One day, she thought, she will put together a diagram to resemble the configuration of the estuary.