



BE AN EXHIBITION EXPLORER IN MYTHIC CREATURES

DRAGONS, UNICORNS & MERMAIDS

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Choose one of the investigations below
to explore the *Mythic Creatures* exhibition.
Record your answers in a notebook.

1 DISCOVER A CREATURE

Find a creature that is unfamiliar to you. Select an object that depicts this creature.

Draw the object and label it with the following:

- name and age of the object
- its culture of origin
- where it was found
- what it is made of

Answer these questions:

- Why did you choose this creature?
- Are there any similarities between this creature and other mythic creatures that you were already familiar with?

2 ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

Pick a creature in the exhibition. Select an object that depicts this creature.

Record the following:

- name and age of the object
- its culture of origin
- where it was found
- what it is made of

Answer these questions:

- What real animals parts make up this creature?
- What are the traits of these animals?
- What might these traits tell you about the behavior and meaning of this mythic creature?

3 DIFFERENT DRAGONS

Find one dragon from an Asian culture and one dragon from a European culture.

ASIAN DRAGON

Record the following:

- name and age of the object
- its culture of origin
- where it was found
- what it is made of

EUROPEAN DRAGON

Record the following:

- name and age of the object
- its culture of origin
- where it was found
- what it is made of

Answer these questions:

- Do dragons mean different things to Asian and European cultures?
- How do you know?