

## Mythical Creatures

K-5

**Objective:** Students will explore the mythical creatures of distant lands and design their own mythical creature.

### Topics & Keywords for Discussion:

**Mythical:** from myth or legend, unreal.

**Materials:** copy paper, pencil, colored pencils.

**Opening activity:** Ask students: what are some of the noticeable physical traits of animals you've seen? Fur, face shape, skin, wings, feathers, claws, horns, etc. Describe to students that mythical creatures can be just like normal, everyday animals with unusual combinations of features, and have them describe dragons, unicorns and mermaids. Share with students a variety of different mythical creatures from around the world:



**Core Activity:** Distribute copy paper, pencils, colored pencils. You can continue to play myths in the background as students create their unique version of a mythical creature. Instruct the students to create their own mythical creature, from their imagination. Ask them- does it have scaly skin, feathers or fur? What colors? What patterns? What environment does it live in- a forest? A cave in the mountains? Under the sea? Let their drawings ASTONISH you!

### Reflection:

As students help clean up the space, make sure they gave their mythical creature a name and that they created an environment for their creature to live within- they can take turns introducing their creature to the rest of the group! Make sure to ask if they'd like to have their creature as a pet and why or why not.