

Fabulous Fantasy

Legendary Creatures



Legendary creatures have been inspired by critters.

A legendary or mythical creature is a type of fantasy being, often combining images from several creatures, described in folklore. A centaur is a combination of a horse and human a Griffin half eagle, half lion, Minotaur human with bull head. Teratology brings us Cyclops and fairies may have come from butterflies.



Fabulous creatures may have been imagined when travelers encountered unfamiliar animals.

Dragons may have been inspired by reptiles, unicorns from narwhals, Loch Ness monster from prehistoric reptiles, mermaids from manatees, Yeti from apes, Sasquatch from hairy humans.



Real creatures
inspire superheroes.

Batman from bats and Spiderman from spiders.



Real critters
inspire
monsters and
scary figures.

Medusa combines a human head with snakes and wings and Harpies with humans and raptors. Vampires may have been inspired by bats, and werewolves from wolves.



Fabulous Creatures to *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*

Bats, spiders, wolves and snakes,
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These are the creatures
imagination makes,

Fabulous creatures all it takes, all it
takes!



Fabulous imagination elaboration

Take a walk; what critters do you see? What fabulous creature can you imagine?

Design your own fabulous creature perhaps combining a head from one animal, a body from another, and a tail from a third.

You can imagineer a fabulous snack using Goldfish and Gummi Worms!



How do mythical and fantasy creatures develop from animals?

