

Designing a Legendary Creature

Learning objective: To create an original mythical creature and justify its characteristics using descriptive vocabulary suitable for a myth or legend.

Use your imagination to design a legendary creature that could live in a forgotten kingdom. Think about its habitat, its special abilities, and its personality. Follow the steps below to bring your creature to life on the page.

Draw: Draw your original legendary creature in the centre of the page. Use a detailed, scientific illustration style (like an old explorer's journal). Include elements of its natural habitat in the background, such as jagged mountain peaks, a glowing subterranean cavern, or an ancient, overgrown forest. Ensure you add labels using the provided word bank to highlight the creature's unique physical features.



Label words: Formidable · Ethereal · Resilient · Ancient · Luminous · Sentinel · Habitats · Attributes · Legendary

Steps:

1. Step 1: Sketch the outline of your creature. What environment does it inhabit? Label your drawing with three adjectives that describe its appearance.
2. Step 2: Compare and contrast your creature with a common animal. How is your creature's behaviour

different from a real-world counterpart?

3. Step 3: Justify your choice of 'special ability'. Why does your creature need this power to survive in its specific habitat?

4. Step 4: If your creature were to meet Ellie the elephant, what piece of historical wisdom might she share with it? Explain why.

5. Step 5: Invent a name for your creature that reflects its character. Explain the linguistic origin of the name you have chosen.

6. Step 6: What might happen if your creature was discovered by humans today? Predict the reaction of the public.