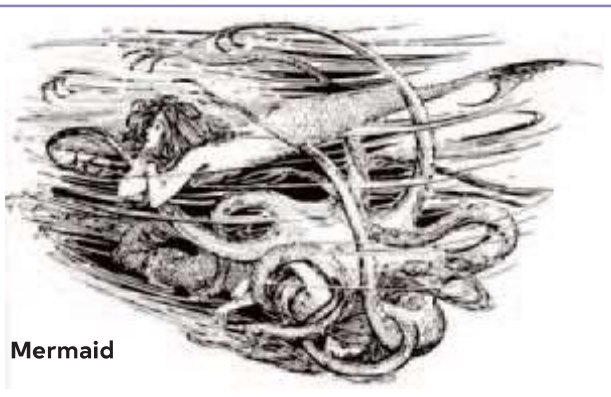


# Resource 3c

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## Resource 3d

### Griffin

Griffins have the body of a lion and the head of an eagle. They live in nests in mountains. They appear in stories in North Africa, the Middle East, and Africa. They can represent greed, because in some stories they guard gold. In other stories they are noble and majestic.<sup>13</sup>



### Hippocamp

A hippocamp has the body of a horse and the tail of a fish. Hippocamps appear in stories in Greek mythology. They draw the chariot of Poseidon, the God of the Sea, so are powerful and noble.



### Dragon

Dragons are known for having scales, wings, and breathing fire. They are very powerful and brave, and some can use their power for good, and others for evil. They are protectors, whether it be of the land, of people, or of money. Dragons appear in stories in many cultures across the world, from the silly to the serious. In China, dragons are lucky because they bring rain for a healthy life. In Poland, the Wawel Dragon ate so many people that a wise tailor made the dragon explode by sewing up some sulphur into a dead sheep!



### Kraken

The Kraken is the largest sea monster ever imagined! In some stories, it is 2.5 km thick, with arms as long and thick as the masts of ships! It stays in deep water where it eats fish. When a boat disturbs it, though, it can rise up with a great rage, flinging its tentacles. The Kraken comes from stories from Scandinavia, and lives between Norway and Iceland!<sup>14</sup>



<sup>13</sup> American Museum of Natural History, 2016, 52.

<sup>14</sup> American Museum of Natural History, 2016, 10.

## Chimera

A chimera is a lion, with a goat's head arising from its back, and a serpent for a tail, ending with the snake's head. Chimeras can breathe fire, and are powerful and fearless. Seeing a chimera, especially if you are a sailor, is a sign of danger and bad luck. Chimeras appear in Greek writings, in which Greek heroes try to kill the Chimera.



## Bunyip

A creature from Aboriginal Australian cultures, a Bunyip is a big, hairy, scary monster that lives in waterholes and shallow rivers, and eats small animals and maybe even unwary children. It has sharp tusks, shaggy fur and flippers for swimming. In recent stories they are rather fun, foolish and friendly, and don't eat anyone!<sup>16</sup>



## Mermaid

Mermaids and mermen have the body of a human but the tail of a fish. They live in water and on the rocks. Mermaids appear in stories all around the world! They often carry combs and mirrors as a sign of vanity.

Seeing a mermaid can bring good or bad luck. Many sailors say seeing a mermaid will make their ship crash into the rocks.<sup>17</sup>



## Barong Ket

Barong Ket is a creature from mythology of Bali. It looks like a lion, and protects people against the witch Rangda. Many dances and puppet shows in Bali are about Barong Ket.<sup>18</sup>



<sup>15</sup> Marshall & Firebrace, 2008, 57.

<sup>16</sup> American Museum of Natural History, 2016, 24.

<sup>17</sup> American Museum of Natural History, 2016, 38.

<sup>18</sup> American Museum of Natural History, 2016, xii

## Loch Ness Monster

The Loch Ness Monster is said to live in a lake in Scotland. He is a sea monster with a long neck and his long ripply eel-like tail looks like humps appearing out of the water. He is a quiet and shy being who lives mainly beneath the surface.



## Pegasus

Pegasus is a white horse with wings. Pegasus appears in Greek myths. He is kind, brave and helpful, and only allows two humans to ride him: his masters, Perseus, and Bellerophon, who are heroes.<sup>19</sup>



## Sphinx

Sphinxes have the head of a man or woman, and the body of a lion. They may also have the wings of an eagle. The Greek Sphinx was mean and aggressive. She would ask people to answer her riddles, and when they could not guess, she would kill them and eat them up! However, Sphinxes from Egypt are kind and protective. The Sphinx in Egypt guards the pyramids where the rulers were buried.<sup>20</sup>



<sup>19</sup> American Museum of Natural History, 2016, 94.

<sup>20</sup> American Museum of Natural History, 2016, 92.

## Chupacabra

Chupacabras have red eyes and large fangs. They walk on two legs and hop like a kangaroo. Although they are scary, they are no bigger than an average-sized dog.

Chupacabras appear in stories from South America. They kill animals by sucking their blood! Their name means "goat sucker" in Spanish!



## Phoenix

A phoenix is a special bird that lives for one hundred years. When it dies, it is reborn from its ashes. The phoenix represents good luck, rebirth and hope. It is a symbol of the sun, so light and life and happiness. It also represents loyalty.



## Medusa

Medusa is a character from Greek myths. She is a human lady with wings and with snakes for hair. She represents very bad luck, because anyone who looks at her will be turned into stone!

