

Percy Jackson and the Olympians Mythical Monster Match

Percy, the main character in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, is the son of Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. During Percy's quest to recover Zeus's missing master lightning bolt, Percy encounters many unusual creatures. For example, when he meets a three-headed beast that is part-lion, part-goat, and part-snake at the St. Louis Arch, he recognizes it as the dreaded Chimera and knows he's probably in big trouble.

Directions: Match the mythological creature with the best description.

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| ___ 1. Cyclops | A. Many-headed serpent |
| ___ 2. Centaur | B. Gorgon with snakes for hair |
| ___ 3. Hydra | C. Hundred-eyed guard |
| ___ 4. Manticore | D. One-eyed giant |
| ___ 5. Medusa | E. Half-bull, half-man |
| ___ 6. Minotaur | F. Three-headed dog |
| ___ 7. Pegasus | G. Part-man, part-horse |
| ___ 8. Argus | H. Winged horse |
| ___ 9. Cerberus | I. Lion with a human face |
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Enrichment Activities

- Select a mythical creature above and draw a picture of it on the back of this paper.
- Research and create a list of mythical creatures from various ancient cultures. Select your favorite creature and write a short myth about it. Share your research and your myth with the class.
- Write a humorous poem about a mythical creature. The poem should be funny, include the creature's name, and describe some of its physical characteristics.



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CREATE-A-CREATURE

The main characters in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series meet some interesting creatures during their adventures. If you could make your own mythical creature what would it look like? Where would it live? What could it do?



My creature's name is: **The Hairy-footed Aquabeast**

It has the:

Head of a Dog

Body of a Gecko

Legs of a Bear

Tail of a Beaver

Unique Feature **Very big and hairy feet
and finally, it also has very long toenails**

Here are five interesting things to know about my creature:

1. **The hairy-footed aquabeast is a shy creature.**
2. **It lives in remote areas around the Hudson Bay.**
3. **It is a fast runner and good swimmer.**
4. **It likes to eat fish and mosquitoes.**
5. **The hairs on its feet are said to be lucky. Campers and hikers like to find them and braid them into bracelets. It's said that if you wear a hairy-footed aquabeast bracelet, you will never get lost.**

CREATE-A-CREATURE ACTIVITY

Part I

Use a selection device like a die or a spinner to select a number from each column. Circle the choice next to each number.

Head	Body	Legs	Tail	Unique Feature
1. Buffalo	1. Turtle	1. Octopus	1. Lion	1. Horns
2. Fish	2. Lady Bug	2. Frog	2. Turkey	2. Wings
3. Tiger	3. Zebra	3. Ostrich	3. Fox	3. Five Eyes
4. Snake	4. Porcupine	4. Llama	4. Lizard	4. Huge Ears
5. Raccoon	5. Chicken	5. Elephant	5. Monkey	5. Four Arms
6. Parrot	6. Bat	6. Spider	6. Kangaroo	6. Fangs

Part II

Record each selection in the correct space.

Head of a _____

Body of a _____

Legs of a _____

Tail of a _____

Unique Feature of _____

Final Feature

Think of one final feature that your character has that is not listed in the chart above. It could be a certain eye color, or whiskers, or maybe it has a really long tongue! Whatever you decide, write it down here: _____

Part III

Answer the following questions as imaginatively as you can!

1. What is this new creature's name? _____

2. Is this creature a funny friend, or a mean monster? How do you know? _____

3. List five interesting things about your creature.

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

4.) _____

5.) _____

Part IV

Complete the "All About My Creature" information sheet on the next page using your answers above for guidance.

All About my CREATURE

My creature looks like this:

Its name is: _____

It has the:

Head of a _____

Body of a _____

Legs of a _____

Tail of a _____

Unique feature _____

and finally, it also has _____

Here are five interesting things to know about my creature:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES A-Z

1. Amelia Earhart
2. Bermuda Triangle
3. Crop Circles
4. Dragons
5. Easter Island
6. Frog Showers
7. Guardian Angels
8. Haunted Houses
9. Ichabod Crane (*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*)
10. Jersey Devil
11. Kraken (Giant Squid)
12. Loch Ness Monster
13. *Mary Celeste* (Ghost Ship)
14. Nostradamus
15. Ouija Board
16. Poltergeist
17. *Queen Mary* (Haunted Ship)
18. Roanoke Island
19. Sasquatch
20. Time Travel
21. UFOs
22. Vampires
23. Werewolves
24. X-Files
25. Yeti
26. Zombies



UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: FIVE FACTS

Directions: Choose an unsolved mystery to research. Look it up in an encyclopedia. List five facts about this topic using complete sentences. Write down where the information was located. Be prepared to share the most interesting fact with the class.

Topic: _____

Fact #1 _____

Fact #2 _____

Fact #3 _____

Fact #4 _____

Fact #5 _____



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