

# Mythical Creatures



## Unit 6: Mythical Creatures

### Theme:

Create and explore mythical creatures through drawing, painting, and sculpting. Develop stories around these creatures while applying skills from previous units.

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### Lesson 1: Drawing Dragons

#### Objective:

Students will draw dragons, focusing on using shapes and textures to bring their mythical creatures to life.

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#### Lesson Outline

##### Objective:

Draw dragons using a variety of shapes and textures.

Understand how to add detail and personality to mythical creatures.

##### Review/Do Now:

**Question:** "What natural patterns did you use in your rock painting?"

*Allow students 3 minutes to write down their answers.*

##### Hook:

**Activity:** Show various dragon illustrations and discuss their different features.

*Ask students, "What makes each dragon unique, and what details can you see?"*

##### 8 Key Facts:

- Dragons are mythical creatures that appear in many cultures' folklore.
- Dragons can have a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors.
- Artists use shapes like circles, ovals, and triangles to build the structure of a dragon.
- Textures like scales or fur can add detail to dragon drawings.
- Dragons often have special features such as wings, horns, or claws.
- Adding personality to a dragon can make it more interesting and unique.
- Dragons are often depicted in art as both fierce and majestic.

- Drawing a dragon involves understanding proportions and perspective.

**Word Bank:**

**Texture:** The feel or appearance of a surface.

**Proportion:** The relationship between the size of different parts of a drawing.

**Perspective:** The technique used to represent three-dimensional objects on a two-dimensional surface.

**Activity:**

**Name:** Dragon Drawing

**Lesson:**

*Discuss the various features of dragons and how they can be depicted in drawings.*

*Show examples of dragon illustrations and explain how different shapes and textures are used.*

**Comprehension Questions:**

What shapes can you use to draw a dragon?

How can textures be added to make a dragon look more detailed?

Why is it important to consider proportion when drawing a dragon?

**Exit Ticket:**

“Describe one unique feature you added to your dragon drawing and why.”

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## **Activity: Dragon Drawing**

### **Materials List:**

- Drawing paper
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Colored pencils or markers
- Rulers (optional)

### **Step-by-Step Instructions:**

#### **Preparation:**

*Ensure each student has drawing paper, pencils, and erasers.*

*Distribute colored pencils or markers for later use.*

#### **Introduction (5 minutes):**

*Explain that students will be drawing their own dragons.*

*Show examples of dragon drawings and discuss their features.*

#### **Demonstration (5 minutes):**

*Demonstrate how to start with basic shapes (circles, ovals) to create the body structure of a dragon.*

*Show how to add details like wings, scales, and claws.*

#### **Student Activity (20 minutes):**

*Allow students to draw their dragons, starting with basic shapes and then adding details and textures.*

*Encourage them to use different colors and patterns to make their dragons unique.*

#### **Class Discussion (5 minutes):**

*After the activity, ask students to share their dragon drawings and describe the features they included.*

*Discuss how different shapes and textures were used.*

**Clean-Up (5 minutes):**

*Ensure all materials are collected and any scraps are cleaned up.*

*Have students place their drawings in a designated area for display or storage.*

**Tips for First-Time Teachers:**

*Encourage students to experiment with different shapes and textures.*

*Remind students that their dragons can be as imaginative as they want.*

*Provide feedback on how they can improve proportions and details.*

**Exit Ticket:**

*Ask students to write a short description of one unique feature they added to their dragon drawing.*

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