

ANIMALS IN ASIAN AND PACIFIC ART

ARTMAKING ACTIVITY - MYTHICAL ANIMAL COLLAGE

CORRESPONDING VIDEO

Animals are present in stories, fairy tales, and fables told all over the world. Many stories feature mythical, or imaginary, animals. In this video lesson you will learn about two mythical creatures, the qilin and the Chinese dragon. You will then create your own mythical animal collage.



Imperial robe with nine dragons; Manchu sleeves, designed with clouds, bats and waves
China, Qing dynasty; 19th C.-20th C.
silk; metallic threads; metal buttons
55" H x 60" W
Gift of Ms. Wynne Miller
1999.16.1



Blue and White Charger
China, Ming dynasty, 15th C
porcelain; cobalt-oxide lead underglaze
appr. 4" H x 18.625" DIA
Gift of the Hon. and Mrs. Jack Lydman
1991.47.6

MATERIALS

pencil, eraser, white cardstock paper, scrap pieces of colorful construction paper or patterned paper, glue or tape, and scissors

VOCABULARY

Mythical - something imaginary occurring in stories and folk tales told over many generations

Symbol - a picture that represents something else, such as an idea

Composite - made up of parts from different things

Collage - artwork made by cutting and gluing small pieces of paper to make a new picture

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What animals did you choose to combine and why?
- What does your mythical creature symbolize?
- What kind of special powers does your mythical creature have?

STANDARDS

National Core Visual Arts Standards

1- VA:Cr1.2.1a - Use observation and investigation in preparation for making a work of art.

1 - VA:Re.7.2.1a - Compare images that represent the same subject.

Common Core State Standards - Language

K-2 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

Common Core State Standards - Writing

K-2 - Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Chinese Symbols](#)