

The Fantasy GENRE

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What Is Fantasy Literature?

The following text in bold, outlines elements of fantasy literature.
Give examples of each from fantasy books you have read.

- **Written about something not possible in real life** _____

- **Magic creatures** _____

- **Mythological creatures** _____

- **Aliens** _____

- **Imaginary worlds** _____

- **Talking animals** _____

- **Dreams** _____

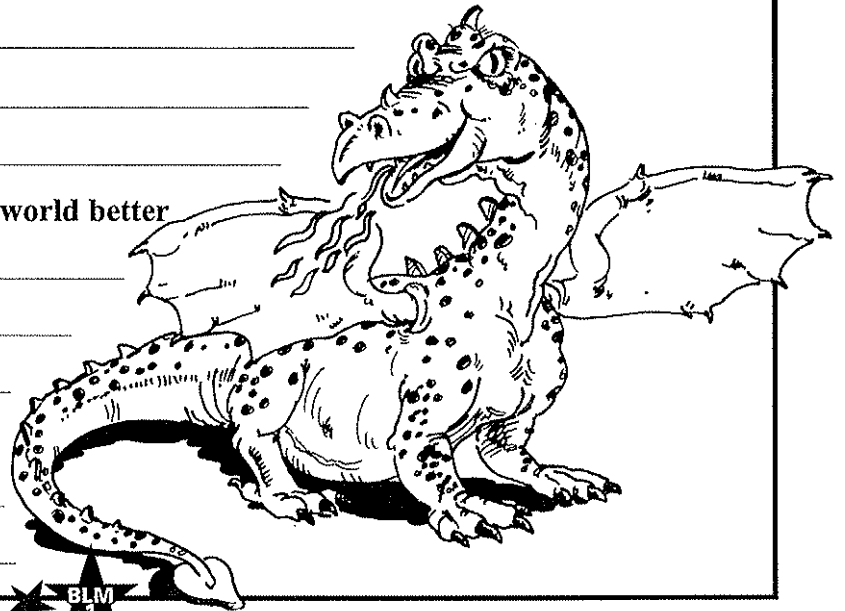
- **Triumph of good over evil** _____

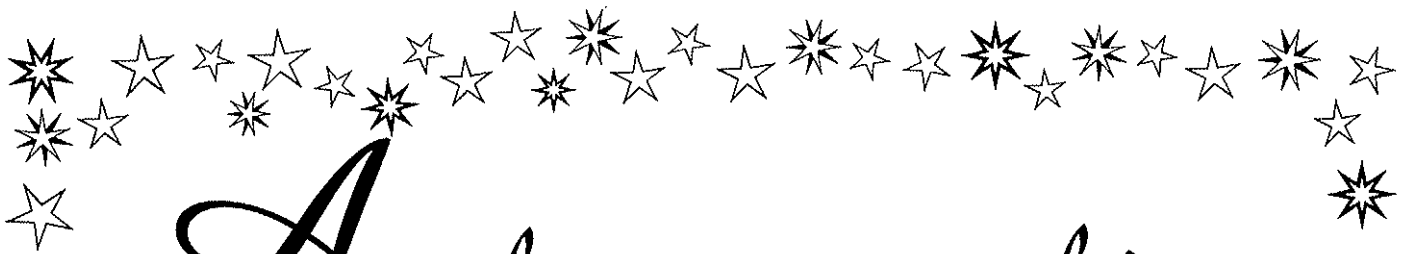
- **Love** _____

- **Truth and honour** _____

- **Courage** _____

- **Fantasy helps us to understand our world better** _____





Anthropomorphism

Choose two books you have read in which animals are portrayed as having human qualities.

Book 1

Title _____

Author _____

Why do you think the author chose to do this?

What morals are being demonstrated in the book?



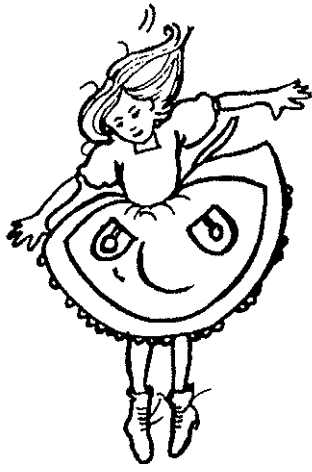
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Title _____

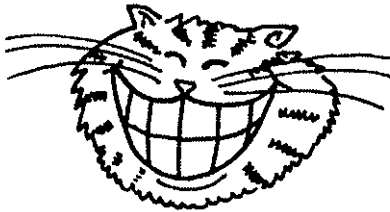
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Classic Tales of FANTASY



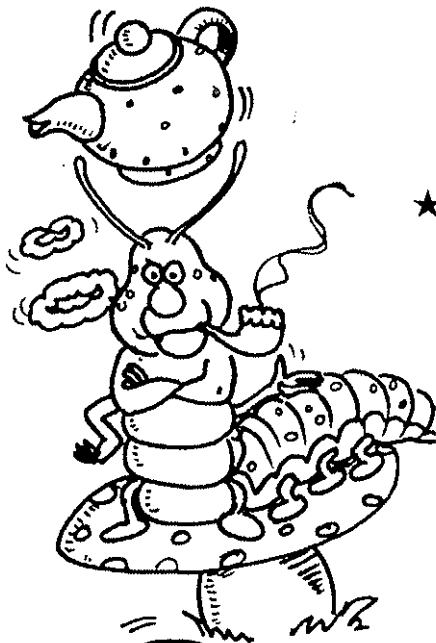
The following books are classic works of fantasy literature:

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling

Winnie the Pooh by A A Milne



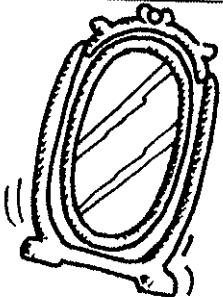
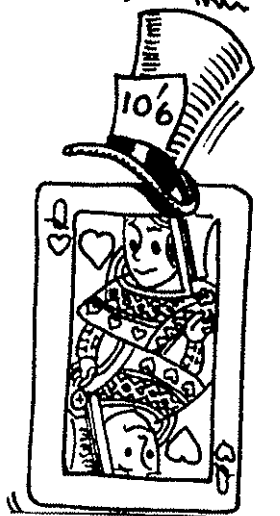
★ Choose one of these books to answer the following questions:

How did you like the book?

Is it a fairytale? Why or why not?

Which character did you like best and why?

Has the book been illustrated by more than one person at different times? If so, which version do you like best and why?





Fantasy

AUTHOR PROFILE

Record the following information about a particular author whose fantasy stories you enjoy.

Researcher's name: _____

Date: _____

Author: _____

Country of birth: _____

Books written: _____

Illustrations: _____

Characters: _____

Setting: _____

Morals: _____

MYTHS & Legends

Myths are basically religious stories that tell of gods, super beings and extraordinary events set in a time very different to any known human history.

Unlike myths, **legends** take place at a specific time and place in history and are based on supposedly historical figures. They tell of human heroes rather than gods. Although once thought to be true, it is now thought that these stories have little historical basis.

Many sayings originated from myths and legends of the past. Research the words below, give a one- or two-line summary of the story they belong to, and find sayings that have come from them. We have done the first one for you.

Adonis

This was a Greek myth about a beautiful young man who was loved by the goddesses Aphrodite and Persephone. The word Adonis is often used to describe a good-looking man!

- Don Juan* _____

- Cupid* _____

- Achilles* _____

- Amazon* _____

- Colossus* _____

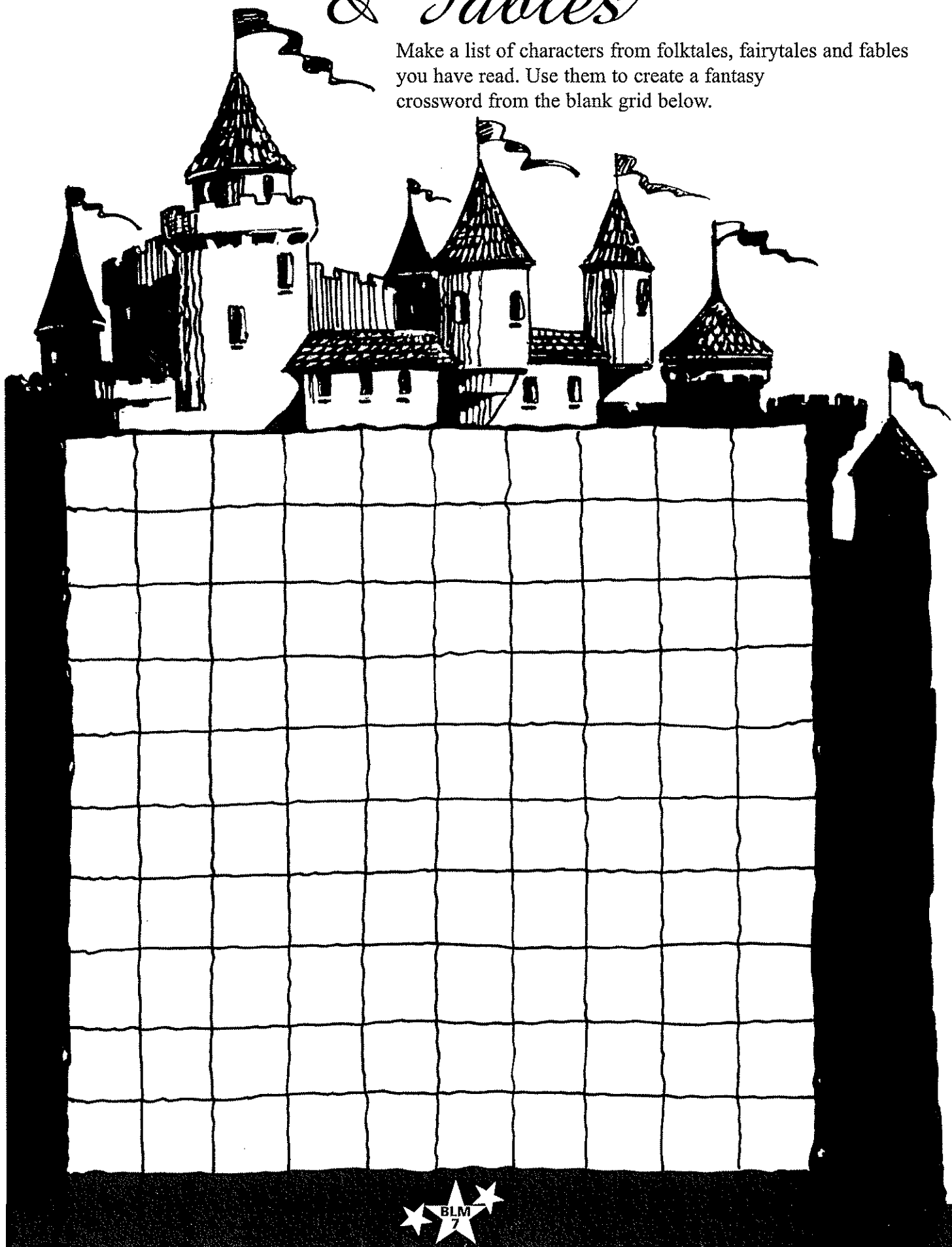
- Trojan* _____



Use one of these characters to create an advertisement for a product of your choice!

Folktales, Fairytales & Fables

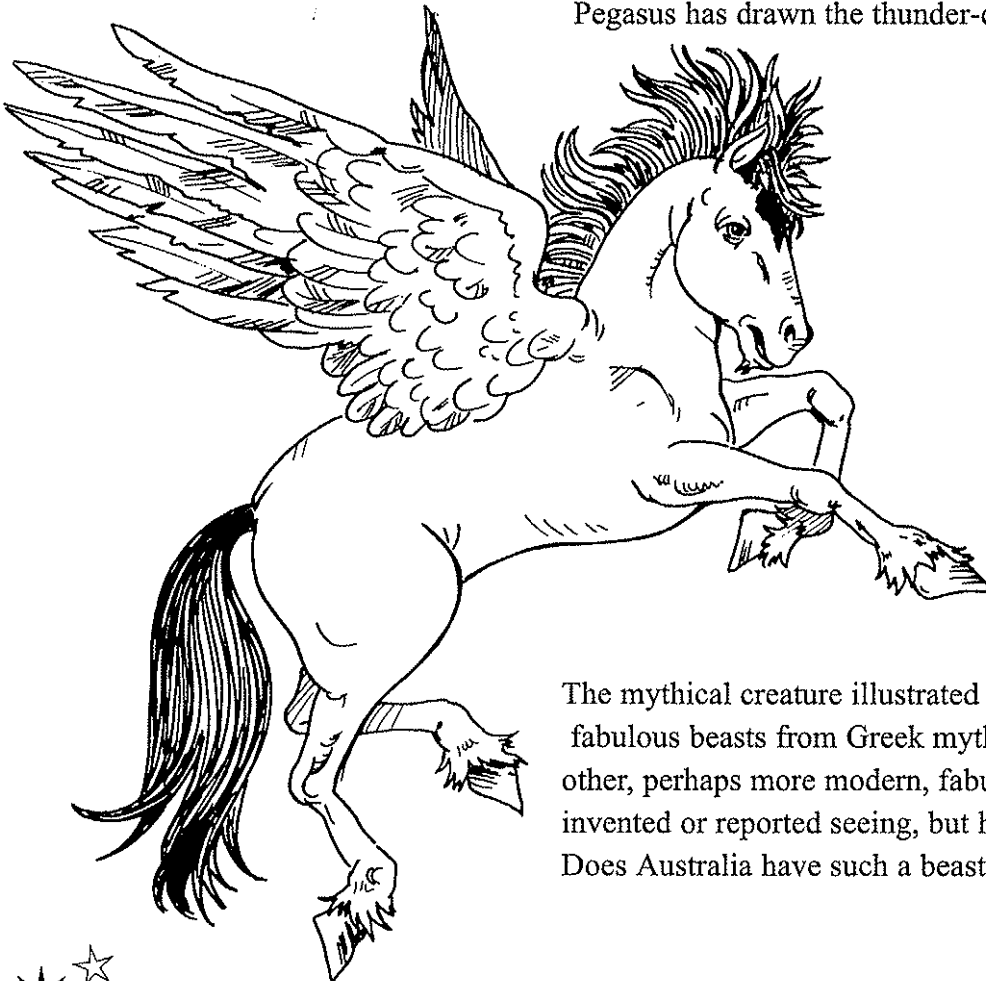
Make a list of characters from folktales, fairytales and fables you have read. Use them to create a fantasy crossword from the blank grid below.



Mythical Creatures

Pegasus

The speed and power of Pegasus, the flying horse, were an enormous advantage in times of battle. However, when the Corinthian warrior Bellerophon, who rode Pegasus, upset Zeus the king of gods, Zeus sent a gadfly to sting Pegasus. Pegasus has drawn the thunder-chariot of Zeus ever since.



The mythical creature illustrated above is one of many fabulous beasts from Greek mythology. Can you think of other, perhaps more modern, fabulous beasts that people have invented or reported seeing, but have never been found? Does Australia have such a beast?

★ *Make a model of or write a poem about one such beast and tell the rest of your class about it.*