

SMART™ Lesson

Creating Magical Creatures

Welcome to this lesson on creating magical creatures in literature! In this lesson, we will learn about the different elements that go into creating a magical creature that will capture the reader's imagination.

Magic and Mythology

The first step in creating a magical creature is to understand the source of magic and mythology. Most mythical creatures in literature come from ancient legends and folklore. These creatures often have meanings and symbolism behind them that are important to understand.

Creature Design

The next step in creating a magical creature is to design its physical appearance. Think about the creature's size, shape, color, texture, and other physical characteristics. Consider the creature's habitat, diet, and behavior to make the creature realistic and believable.

Abilities and Weaknesses

Every magical creature should have unique abilities and weaknesses. These abilities should be interesting and original, and should add to the fantastical nature of the creature. Conversely, the creature should also have weaknesses that make it vulnerable, adding tension and excitement to the story it appears in.

Questions

1. Where do most mythical creatures in literature come from?
2. What physical characteristics should you consider when designing a magical creature?
3. Why is it important for a magical creature to have both unique abilities and weaknesses?