



CURIOUS CREATURES AND CRYPTIDS

Have you seen a creature with a beaver's tale, a duck's bill and an otter's feet? Have you seen a bumpy snake-like creature with green scales and the head of a sheep that lives in a lake? Guess what? One of these creatures is real and the other is a Cryptid. What is a Cryptid you ask? Let's find out.

This week's activity: Create a Cryptid

Create a Cryptid

The creature with the beaver tail, duck's bill, and otter's feet is a real animal (a platypus). **Cryptids** are animals that people have said exist, but their existence has never been proven (like the Loch Ness Monster). They don't have to be supernatural, but as stories about them grow, they can take on mythical qualities.

Suggested Materials:

- Paper
- Markers, pencils crayons or crayons

Directions:

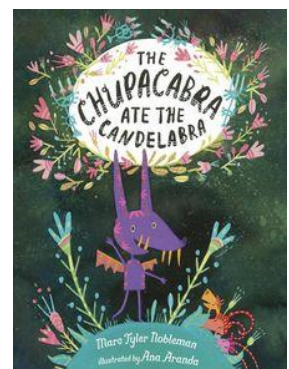
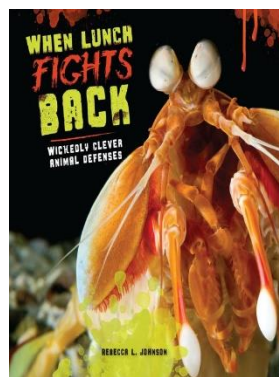
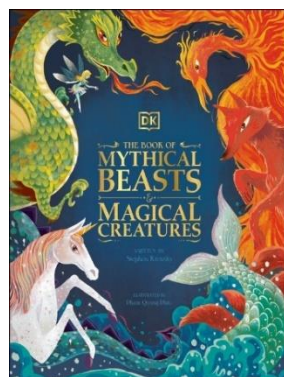
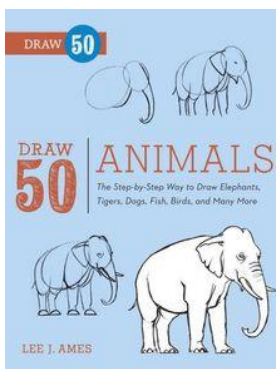
1. Pick some characteristics of real animals and combine to make your own cryptid. Think about your creature's head, body, and legs. Will it have a tail? Wings?
2. Name your cryptid. You can call it whatever you like. If don't have any ideas, you could try combining the first letters of your first name and the last three letters of your last name.
3. Now you have your cryptid, write a story about it.



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Links to eResources:

Check out our [eBooks](#) on these topics:



Search “cryptids” on Hoopla Kids to find different books on cryptids, including the audiobook *Tales of the Cryptids* by Kelly Milner Halls, Rick Spears and Roxanne Young.

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