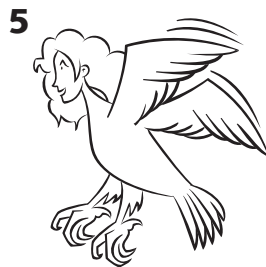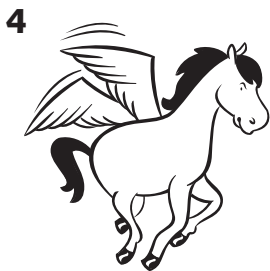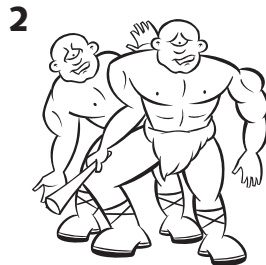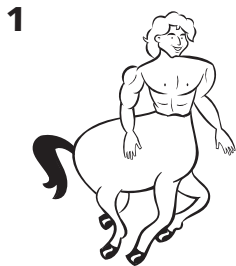# Literature - Greek mythology

1 Match the pictures to the sentences.

There were many characters in Greek mythology.

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Pegasus was a horse with wings. ☐

The Sirens were birds with women's faces. ☐

The Centaurs were horses with a man's head and body. ☐
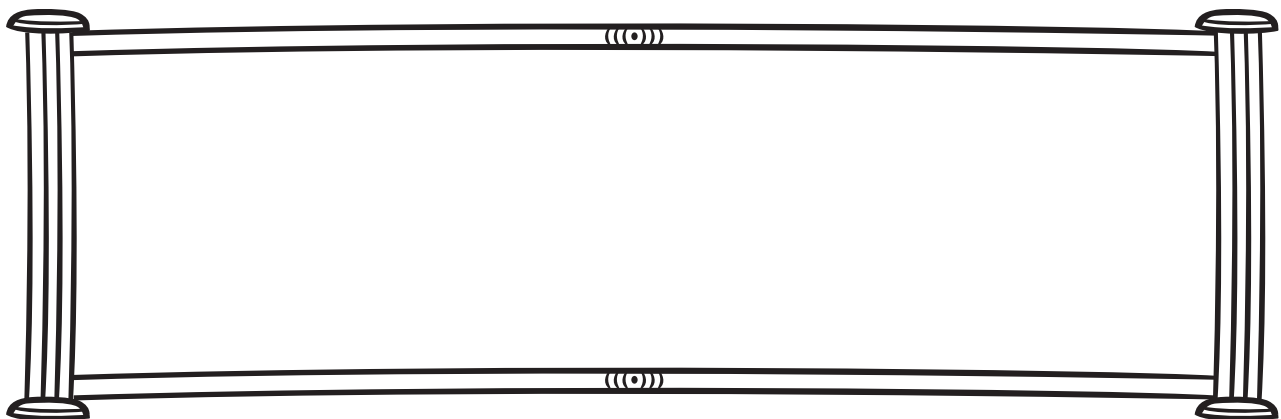
Medusa was a woman with snakes all over her head. ☐

The Minotaur was a bull with a man's body. ☐

The Sphinx was a lion with a woman's head. ☐

The Cyclopes were giants with only one eye. ☐

2 Draw and describe your own mythological character.

My mythological character is called _____

_____

_____ .

Subject: Literature

Greek mythology

> **Objective:** Greek mythology
> **Vocabulary:** *horse, bird, snake, bull, lion, giant, face, body, head, eye*

Introduction

Explain to the pupils that mythological characters are people, animals or a mixture of people and animals that never really existed. They are the characters of stories. Give them some examples, like *dragons*, *giants* and *monsters*. Greek mythology contains many examples of characters with mythological properties. Usually mythological characters are able to do things that are not possible, like flying horses or speaking animals.

Warm up

• Tell the pupils to look at the pictures. Ask them if they have seen any figures like this before. Tell them to think about buildings and monuments.

• Pupils will also have seen mythological characters in films like *Harry Potter* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Ask them to describe some of these characters.

Activity 1

• Pupils read the sentences and match them to the pictures.

Answer key Pegaus was a horse with wings-4; The Sirens were birds with women's faces-5; The Centaurs were horses with a man's head and body-1; Medusa was a woman with snakes all over her head-3; The Minotaur was a bull with a man's body-6; The Sphinx was a lion with a woman's head-7; The Cyclopes were giants with only one eye-2

Activity 2

• Pupils invent, draw and describe a mythological character.

• Ask pupils to take turns showing the rest of the class their drawings and describing their characters.

Project ideas

• Use the pupils' drawings and descriptions to hold an art exhibition.

• Divide the class into groups and ask the pupils to research into mythological creatures. Each group should choose two creatures, find and/or draw pictures, write descriptions and explain where the character appears.