

LESSON PLAN

KEY IDEA QUESTIONS

Series: Legendary Beasts

Objective

To help students practice using questions as a guide for comprehension while reading a book.

Supplies

- One or more books in the Legendary Beasts series
- Key Idea Questions worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the Key Idea Questions worksheet for each student.

Activity

To start, preview the main ideas of the books in the Legendary Beasts series. Explain that each book focuses on a different mythical creature and tells some common legends and beliefs about it. Books also give information about the history of these legends, explaining where and when the legends began and how the stories have changed over time.

Invite each student to choose one legendary beast to focus on for this activity. Give the student a copy of the book about this creature. Then pass out the worksheet, explaining that this worksheet includes six questions about the book's main ideas. Students should look for the answers to these questions as they read. They should write their answers on the worksheet.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets at the end of the activity. Could students find an answer to each of the six questions? (Note: For questions 5 and 6, the complete answer may be "no" in some cases.)



KEY IDEA QUESTIONS

1. What does the creature look like?
2. What actions or powers is the creature known for?
3. Where and when did legends about the creature begin?
4. How did stories about the creature change over time?
5. Does the book tell any real-life animals the creature may be based on? If so, what are they?
6. Does the book mention any other mythical creatures that are similar? If so, what are they?